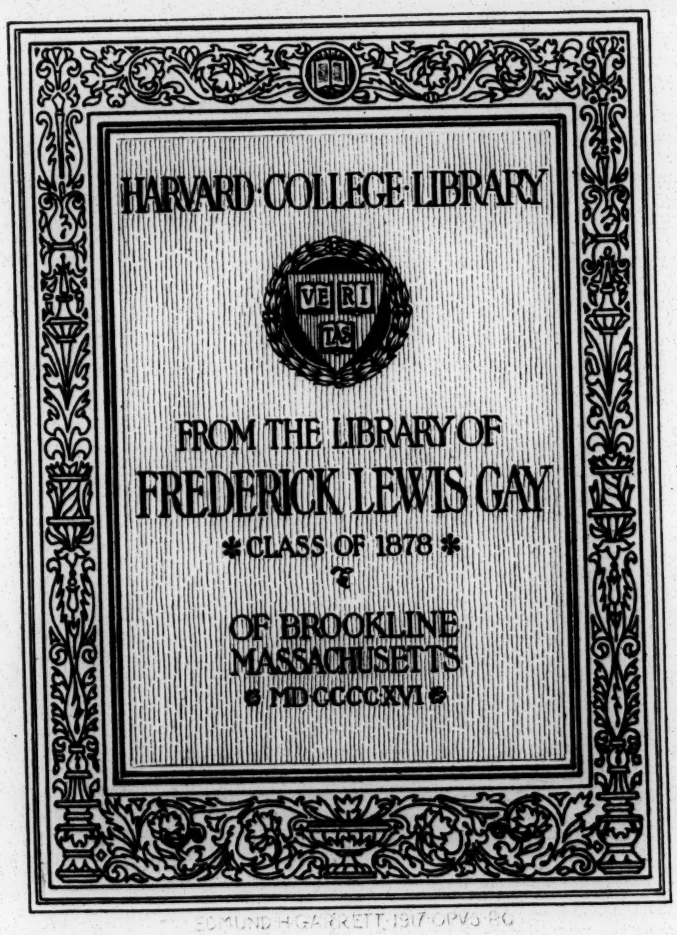

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AN ORDINANCE OF *The Lords and Commons assembled in* PARLIAMENT:

For the Leavying of MONEYS, by way of Excise, *or*, New-Impost,

As well for the better securing of TRADE, as for the maintenance of the ARMY raised by the PARLIAMENT, and payment of the *Debts* of the *Common-wealth*.

Wherein the said LORDS and COMMONS have thought fit *To alter the* Rates *Printed in a former Ordinance*,

And to impose other and lower CHARGES upon the severall Commodities herein expressed, as by a SCHEDULE hereunto annexed appeareth.

ORdered *by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Published.*

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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An Ordinance of the *Lords* and *Commons* in Parliament, for the ſpeedy Raiſing and Levying of Moneys, by way of Charge and New Impoſt upon the ſeverall Commodities in a Schedule hereunto annexed, contained, as well for the better ſecuring of Trade, as for the maintenance of the Forces raiſed for the defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdom, both by Sea and Land, as for and towards the payment of the Debts of the Common-wealth, for which the Publike Faith is, or ſhall be ingaged.

THe *Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament taking into their ſerious conſideration the great neceſsity of providing preſent Supply for the preſervation of this Kingdom, our Religion, Laws and Liberties from utter ruine and deſtruction, by the reſtleſſe and cruel Deſignes, Practices and Treacheries of Papiſts and Malignant perſons; and for that many great levies have been already made for the purpoſe aforeſaid, which the well-affected of the Kingdom have willingly born, and the Malignants have endeavoured by all cunning ways to evade: By reaſon whereof, the ſaid Lords and Commons hold it fit that ſome conſtant and indifferent Way ſhould be had and eſtabliſhed, for the levying of Moneys for the future maintenance of the Parliaments-Forces, and other great Affairs of the Common-wealth, whereby the Malignants and Neutrals may be compelled to pay their proportionable parts of the ſaid Charges, and the Subjects in general be rated and taxed with as much eaſe and indifferency as may be. For which purpoſe, an Ordinance was lately made by the ſaid*

Lords and Commons, for ſetting of a Charge or New-Impoſt upon the ſeveral Commodities in a Schedule thereunto annexed ſpecified. Now for the better and more ſpeedy advancement of this Work, and the more eaſie payment of the ſaid Charge, and for other weighty Conſiderations, the ſaid Lords and Commons have thought fit to alter the ſaid former Rates, and to impoſe other and lower Charges upon the ſeveral Commodities in a Schedule hereunto annexed expreſſed, then were impoſed by the ſaid former Ordinance: and do therefore Ordain, That the ſaid former Ordinance, and every matter therein contained, be hereby adnulled and repealed, and not to be put in execution in all or any part thereof, by any perſon or perſons whatſoever; but that this preſent Ordinance do take effect, and be obſerved by all and every perſon and perſons, as if the ſaid former Ordinance had not been made. And the ſaid Lords and Commons do hereby Ordain and Declare, That the ſeveral Rates and Charges in the Schedule hereunto annexed contained, ſhall be ſet and laid, and are hereby ſet, laid and impoſed upon all and every the Commodities within this Realm, the Dominion of Wales, *and Town of* Berwick, *over and above all Cuſtoms and other Duties due and payable for the ſame.*

The SCHEDULE.

IN this Schedule are contained the Exciſe and New-Impoſt by this Ordinance ſet and impoſed upon the ſeverall Commodities herein mentioned.

		l.	s.	d.
Tobacco	FOr every pound of Tobacco which is not of the Engliſh Plantations, as well already imported, and remaining in the hands of the Merchant or Importer, as to be imported to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, two ſhillings	0	2	0

For

	l.	s.	d.
For every Pound of Tobacco of the Engliſh Plantations, as well imported, and remaining in the hands of the Merchant or Importer, as to be imported to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, four pence	00	00	04

For all Tobacco now remaining in the hands of the Ingroſſer or Seller thereof, by whole ſale, to be paid by the ſaid Ingroſſer or Seller upon the ſale thereof, the like reſpective Rates as aforeſaid.

For every Tun of Wine already imported or to be imported to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, and ſo after that Rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, five pound	05	00	00

For every Tun of Wine bought for private uſe, to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, and ſo after that Rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, five pound	05	00	00

Which Rates ſo to be paid by the Retailers of Wine ſhall be allowed them upon the ſale thereof in the price.

And for all Wines now remaining in the Vintners or Retailers hands, they ſhall pay onely half Exciſe, the ſame to be allowed them in the price thereof upon the ſale.

And for all Wines remaining in the hands of the Cooper or other Trader in Wine, they ſhall pay the whole Exciſe, the ſame to be allowed them in the price upon the ſale thereof.

		l.	s.	d.
Strong Waters	For all ſtrong Waters, and *Aqua vitæ* imported, or to be imported, to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, and ſo after that Rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, after the Rate of eight pence the Gallon.	00	00	08
	And for all ſtrong Waters and *Aqua vitæ* made or diſtilled within the Realm, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwicke*, the like Rate to be paid by the Maker or Diſtiller thereof.			
Beere and Ale.	For every Barrell of Beer or Ale of eight ſhillings the Barrell and upwards ſold, to be paid by the Brewer or Maker thereof, and to be allowed him in the price therof, two ſhillings.	00	02	00
	For every Barrell of Beer or Ale of eight ſhillings the Barrell, and upwards, which any Houſe-keeper Breweth for his own ſpending, to be paid by every ſuch Houſe-keeper, twelve pence.	00	01	00
	For every Barrell of ſix ſhillings Beer, or above four ſhillings the Barrell, ſold, to be paid by the Brewer or Maker thereof, and to be allowed him in the price, ſix pence.	00	00	06
	And the like Rate to be paid by al others who Brew the like Beer for their own ſpending.			
Perry and Syder.	For every Hogs-head of Perry or Syder, ſold, to be paid by the firſt Rerailer thereof, and ſo after the ſame Rate for a Barrell, or any Meaſure above a Barrell, two ſhillings.	00	02	00

For

	l.	s.	d.
For every Hogs-head of Perry or Syder bought for private uſe, to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof, twelve pence.	00	01	00
For every Hogs-head of Perry or Syder which any Houſe-keeper maketh for his own ſpending, to be paid by every ſuch Houſe-keeper, twelve pence.	00	01	00

Provided, That for all Beer or Ale, Perry or Syder now remaining in the hands of any Inne-holders, or other Retailers thereof, they ſhall onely pay the half Exciſe.

And for all Beer or Ale, Perry or Syder to be uſed for fiſhing at Sea, no Exciſe to be paid.

Grocery	For all Grocery Ware imported, or to be imported, for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer value, to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence.	00	01	00
Druggs	*Item*, For all ſorts of Druggs imported or to be imported, for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo after that Rate for a greater or leſſer value, to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence.	00	01	00

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		l.	s.	d.
Mercery.	For all ſorts of Mercery-ware imported, or to be imported for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer value to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence.	00	01	00
Silkes Imported.	For all Raw Silkes imported or to be imported for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer value, ſix pence.	00	00	06
	For other Silk in the Gumm, ready thrown imported, or to be imported for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably, nine pence.	00	00	09
	For all other Silkes Dyed, imported, or to be imported for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably the ſaid ſeverall Rates for Silkes to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence	00	01	00
Lynnen Drapery.	For all ſorts of Linnen, both fine and courſe imported, or to be imported for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence	00	01	00
Haberdaſhery	For all ſorts of Habberdaſhery-ware imported, or to be imported, for every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof, from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence	00	01	00

For

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Uphol-stry.	For all sorts of Upholstry Ware Imported and to be Imported, for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, Twelve pence.	00 01 0
Saltry.	For all sorts of Saltery-wares Imported or to be Imported for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, Six pence.	00 00 6
Sope.	For all Sope made within the Realm, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick*, for every Firkin of the best sort, Ten pence; and for every Firkin of the second sort, Nine pence; and for every Firkin of the worst sort, Eight pence, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity to be paid by the maker thereof.	00 00 10 00 00 09 00 00 08
	For all Sope Imported or to bee Imported, for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, Eighteen pence.	00 01 06
Drapery new & old	For all sorts of Woollen Cloath, and other commodities made of, or mixt with Wooll, made or spent within this Realm, the Dominion of *Wales*, or Towne of *Berwick*, for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof, Sixpence.	00 00 06

		li.	s.	d
Paper.	For all Paper bought of the Merchant, for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, twelve pence.	00	01	00
Skins & Leather.	For all Skins and Leather Imported or to be Imported, for every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, Twelve pence.	00	01	00
Glassmen	For all Glasses and earthen Ware Imported or to be Imported, for every twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer Twelve pence.	00	01	00

All which Rates to bee paid for any Forraign Commodities Imported, shall bee paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer, or from the Broker who useth to deale betweene the Merchant and the Shop-keeper, and for all the Commodities hereby charged with the Excise in manner aforesaid, which shall be sold or delivered at a price.

I. PRovided that this Ordinance shall not extend to any the Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, which are already bought from the Merchant, or Importer thereof, by any person or persons who hath bought the same to sell againe, or spend, except it be otherwise particularly expressed in the said Schedule.

II. And be it ordained, That every p[illegible]son or persons

sons who hath Imported. or shall import any the Commodities in the said Schedule mentioned, for his owne private use and spending, or for any other purpose then to sell againe, shall pay the Rates and Charges hereby set and Imposed upon the same commodities.

III. Item, for all Commodities here rated, which are first Imported, and after exported beyond the Sea, the Excise thereof being paid, and due proofe thereof made by Oath of the party or Witnesses; which Oath the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, or such as they shall appoint under their Hands and Seals, shall have power to administer, shall be repaid, and the said Commissioners and their Deputies shall have power to repay the same accordingly; Provided, that if any Merchant, or other Buyer of any Clothes, or other Woollen Commodities made within this Realm, the Dominion of *Wales* or Town of *Berwick*, shall buy the same to Transport beyond the Seas, and shall accordingly Transport the same, then no Excise thereof to be paid.

IV. And for the better levying of the moneys hereby to be raised, Be it Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That an Office be from henceforth erected in the City of *London* called *the Office of Excise* or *New-Impost*; whereof there shall be seven Commissioners to governe the same, who are hereby appointed and nominated; And the said Commissioners, or the Survivors of them, or such as shall be hereafter appointed, or the greater part of them, shall have power, and are hereby authorized from time to time to choose a Treasurer or Treasurers, being one or more of themselves; and also shall choose Registers, Collectors, Clerks, and

other ſubordinate Officers (for whom they ſhall be anſwerable (whom the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the greater part of them, may, and ſhall from time to time, and have hereby power to diſplace, and to place others in their rooms, and to allow them ſuch ſeveral yeerly wages out of the Receipts of the ſaid Office, for their paines and ſervice therein, as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the greater part of them ſhall think fit and reaſonable, and as ſhall be approved of, and allowed by both Houſes of Parliament.

V. And it is further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That the ſeven Commiſſioners herein noted, ſhall be, and are hereby nominated and appointed to be governours of the ſaid Office, viz, *John Towſe* Eſq; Alderman of the City of *London*; *Thomas Foote* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *John Kendrick* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *Thomas Cullum* Eſq; Alderman of the City of *London*; *Simon Edmunds* *John Lamot*, and *Edward Claxton*, Citizens of *London*.

VI. And it is further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That the Commiſſioners hereby, or hereafter to be appointed Governours of the ſaid Office, and ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, as ſhall be by them choſen as aforeſaid, ſhall reſpectively before they enter upon the ſaid Office, take a ſolemn Oath before the Speaker of the Houſe of Peeres, or the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons for the time being, for the due execution of their places; and every of the ſaid Speakers ſhall have power hereby to adminiſter the ſaid Oath.

VII. And it is hereby Ordained, that all parts of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, with the ſeverall Suburbs thereof and all other places within Ten miles thereof

thereof, or theſe-abouts, which ſhall be thought fit by the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall be ſubject to the Rule and Government of the ſaid Office.

VIII. And that the like Office and Officers, and ſo many of them, and ſuch and ſo many others ſubordinate Commiſſioners ſhall be erected and appointed in all or any the Counties of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, and in all ſuch Cities, and place thereof, as the ſaid ſeven Commiſſioners, or the Survivors of them, or major part of them, or ſuch others ſhall be appointed chiefe Commiſſioners or the major part of them for the time being ſhall appoint, for whom the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners ſhall be anſwerable. The ſaid ſubordinate Commiſſioners ſhall take the like Oath reſpectively before the Speaker of either Houſe of Parl. or ſuch perſon or perſons as the ſaid Speaker ſhall appoint under his hand and ſeale, or before the ſaid chief Commiſſioners, or ſuch other perſon or perſons as they or the major of them, under their hands and ſeales ſhall appoint; which ſaid ſeverall Speakers, Commiſſioners and other perſons ſo by them authorized, ſhall have power to miniſter the ſaid Oath.

IX. And the ſaid ſubordinate Commiſſioners, and other inferior Officers which ſhall bee imployed by the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners, ſhall have for their ſeverall paines in and about the ſaid buſineſſe, ſuch reaſonable ſumme and ſums of money allowed them as the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners or the major part of them for the time being ſhall thinke fit and appoint, with the allowance of both Houſes of Parliament.

X. Item, that the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Commiſſioners ſhall quarterly make their accounts of all their receipts and diſburſments at the ſaid Office in

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London, unto one or more Auditor or Auditors to bee appointed by the ſaid Houſes to receive the ſame; which ſaid Auditor or Auditors ſhall take the like Oath for the due execution of their places, and in ſuch manner as is hereby appointed for the ſaid Commiſſioners; and ſhall make and keepe a duplicate or counter-part of all accompts and entries in the ſaid ſeverall Offices, the ſame to be preſented by the ſaid Auditor or Auditors to the ſaid Houſes, when and as often as it is required: And *Faulconbridge* of the City of *Weſtminſter* Gent. is hereby nominated and appointed Auditor for the ſaid ſervice.

XI. Item, that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall not iſſue out any money, raiſed, or levied by vertue of this Ordinance to any perſon or perſons whatſoever, but by Order of both Houſes of Parliament to be directed to the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners, or the greater part of them, unleſſe it be concerning the payment of the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners allowances Quarterly; and of wages to the ſaid ſubordinate Commiſſioners and other Officers, and of Rents due for houſe-room or rooms where the ſaid Offices ſhall be kept, or other neceſſary expences in and about the ſaid Offices, the ſaid ſeverall ſummes and diſburſments to be ſuch as ſhall be allowed of by both Houſes of Parliament: which ſaid Commiſſioners upon paſſing of their accompts, ſhall from time to time bee diſcharged thereof by both Houſes of Parliament: And that it ſhall and may be lawfull to, and for every of the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners to make a Deputy for whom he will anſwer.

XII. Item, that the ſaid Office in all places where it ſhall be kept, ſhall be kept upon all the weeke dayes

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excepᵗ the Lords day) from eight of the clock in the morning till twelve at noone, and from two of the clock in the afternoon, till ſix in the afternoon, for the entring and regiſtring of the names and ſir-names, as well of the Sellers, Buyers, and Makers, of the ſaid ſeverall commodities in the ſaid Schedule mentioned, and the ſeverall quantities and values thereof, and for receiving of all moneys which ſhall be due and payable for the Exciſe, and for other things neceſſary to be done touching the ſaid buſines, which ſaid entries ſhall be made accordingly.

XIII. That all and every the Merchants and Importers of the ſaid forraign commodities in the ſaid Schedule mentioned, and of all common Brewers of Ale or Beere, and Diſtillers of *Aquavitæ* and *Strong-waters*, and others chargeable by this Ordinance with the Exciſe for any the commodities in the ſaid Schedule mentioned, ſhall weekely cauſe to be entred into the ſaid reſpective Offices a true and perfect liſt or account of all and every the ſaid commodities reſpectively, and of the ſaid Ale and Beere and Strong-waters, weekly brewed, made or diſtilled, and ſhall not deliver any of the ſaid commodities to any of the Buyers thereof or other perſon or perſons (except ſuch of the ſaid commodities as ſhal be by the licence of the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners or the *major* part of them, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint, be tranſported beyond Sea) untill the ſame ſhall be ſo entred as aforeſaid; And that no perſon or perſons chargeable with the ſaid Exciſe, ſhall ſell or diſpoſe of any of the ſaid commodities, without firſt receiving a Ticket or Warrant from the ſaid reſpective Office, that the Exciſe or New-Impoſt due for the ſame is paid or ſatisfied, and if any of the Sellers, or any of the ſaid com-

commodities chargeable with the Excise shall refuse or neglect to make a true entry thereof, according to the last precedent Article, or shall doe any thing contrary hereunto; the same being proved by Oath of two witnesses before the said respective Commissioners, or the *major* part of them, who all have power hereby to minister the said Oath, or confessed by the party, shall forfeit double the value of the said goods or commodities, so by him or them neglected to be entred, or so delivered, sold or disposed of contrary to the said Article, to the use of the common-wealth, the same to be levyed by the said respective Commissioners or Deputies, or such as they or the *major* part of them shall appoint by distresse and sale of the offenders goods (if they shall not be redeemed within fourteene dayes) rendring to the party the overplus: and for want of sufficient distresse all and every the said Commissioners or Deputies or the *major* part of them respectively, or such as they shall appoint, shall have power to commit such offender to Prison, till he pay the said forfeiture.

XIV. That no Merchant, Tradesman, Stranger, Ship-Master, Mariner, or other person or persons, Importer of any Goods or Merchandize into the Port of *London*, Cinque Ports or other Port or Creek, or place whatsoever within this Realme, the Dominion of *Wales* or Town of *Berwick*, shall land or discharge any goods or commodities upon the shore before they shall have first given notice hereof to the Officers of Excise for the place by delivery of a Bill of entry under his hand specifying the said severall goods or commodities so imported, their quantities, weights and measures respectively, under the penalty in the said next precedent Article contained, and to be levyed in like manner.

XV.

XV. And be it ordained, that it ſhall or may be lawfull to and for the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, or the major part of them, out of the forfeitures above mentioned, to give and allow to any perſon or perſons which ſhall informe them of any abuſe committed by any perſon or perſons contrary to this Ordinance, ſo much money for his and their reward and recompence of his or their paines, as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major part of them ſhall think fit, the ſame to bee allowed to the ſaid Commiſſioners upon their accounts.

XVI. That if any common Beer-Brewer, Alehouſe-keeper, Cider or perry maker, or other perſon chargeable with the ſaid Exciſe in the Countrey, or in any City, Towne, or place, doe not make a true entry in Countrey, City or place, where they dwell, or in ſuch manner aforeſaid, in the ſaid Office appointed, in the Office erected, next to their place of dwelling, and the ſame bee confeſſed, or proved as aforeſaid, then they ſhall incurre the like penalty as aforeſaid, the ſame to bee levyed and diſpoſed of in ſuch manner as aforeſaid.

XVII. *Item.* That the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners, or the major part of them, ſhall have power to puniſh all inordinate Officers, or other perſons belonging to the ſaid Offices, which ſhall be wilfully negligent, remiſſe or refractory in the ſaid ſervice, by fine; not exceeding the double value of their yeerely wages, the ſame to be levied, and imployed in ſuch manner as aforeſaid: And ſhall likewiſe have power to puniſh any other offence, contrary to this Ordinance, (not hereby otherwiſe Provided for) by fine or amercement to be

levyed and imployed in such manner as is appointed for the said other penalties.

XVIII. And be it further ordained, that the Customers or Commissioners for Tonnage and Poundage, shall from time to time, permit and suffer the said respective Commissioners, or any of them, or any of their Deputy, or Deputies, or such as they shall appointe to search, view, or examine, any Note Booke or Bookes, belonging to the Custome houses, or to take copies thereof; or of as much thereof as they please. And that the said Commissioners of Excise or any of them, or any of the said chiefe Commissioners Deputies, shall have a place to sit in the Custome houses, and shall have power by themselves or their Agents to take notes or Copies of all entries of goods and merchandizes imported or to be imported from time to time.

XIX. *Item.* That the said respective Commissioners of Excise, and Deputies of the said chiefe Commissioners, or the major part of them respectively shall have power and authority to call before them any person or persons whom they shall thinke fit, to informe and testifie touching the premisses, and to examine any such person (other then the party himselfe) upon oath for the better discovery of any fraud or guile in the not entring of any the said Commodities, or not payment of the Excise or New-Impost, according to the tenor of this present Ordinance: which the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, or such as they shall appoint under their hands and seales, shall have power to administer, and the testimony of two credible witnesses shall be sufficient in that behalf.

XX. *Item.* That there shall be allowed yeerely un-

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to every of the ſaid chiefe Commiſsioners of Exciſe for the time being, for his care and paines in and about the ſaid ſervice, the ſumme of to be paid him quarterly to his own uſe.

XXI. *Item*. That this Ordinance ſhall begin and take effect from the eleventh day of *September*, 1643. and from thence to continue for one yeere, then next following.

XXII. That the ſaid reſpective Commiſsioners, or the major part of them, ſhall from time to time appoint any Officer or Officers belonging to the ſaid Office to enter into the Cellars, Shops, Warehouſes, Storehouſes, or other places of every perſon or perſons that ſelleth, buyeth, or ſpendeth any of the ſaid Commodities in the ſaid Schedule mentioned, to ſearch and ſee what quantities of any the ſaid Commoditities, every or any ſuch perſon hath on his hands, or any other perſon or perſons to his uſe, and for the preventing of all fraud and abuſes that may be uſed or practiſed to avoid the payment of the ſaid Exciſe and New-Impoſt.

XXIII. That all Juſtices of the peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, Sheriffs, Conſtables, and all other Officers, be from time to time ayding and aſsiſting to all and every the ſaid reſpective Commiſsioners, and other Officers of Exciſe and to every of them appointed by this Ordinance, in the execution thereof, and of the Articles therein contained: and that eſpeciall care be taken, as well by the ſaid reſpective Commiſsioners, as the ſaid Juſtices of Peace and other Officers, whom it ſhall concern and every of them; That the Aſsizes of Beere, Ale, Wine, and other things, be duly kept and

obſerved, and the abuſes therein puniſhed according to the Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made, as they will anſwer the contrary to both Houſes of Parliament.

XXIV. That the ſaid Commiſſioners and other Officers, and every of them appointed by this Ordinance ſhall have power to call the Trained bands, Voluntiers or other Forces, of or within any County, City, or Place reſpective, to be ayding and aſſiſting to them, to compell obedience to this Ordinance where any reſiſtance ſhall be made : which ſaid Trained Bands, Voluntiers and other Forces, and their ſeverall Commanders and other Officers are hereby required and enjoyned to give their aide and aſsiſtance accordingly, as oft as neede ſhall require.

XXV. And be it further ordained, That as well all & every the ſaid Commiſsioners, Deputies, Treaſurers, Regiſters, Receivers, Auditors, or other Officers what-ſoever, belonging to the ſaid ſeverall Offices, as all and every other perſon and perſons which ſhall doe any thing in execution or performance of this preſent Ordinance, ſhall be therein from time to time protected and ſaved harmeleſſe, by the power and authority of both Houſes of Parliament.

FINIS.

An Ordinance and Declaration of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, touching the Salary and Allowance to be made to the Commissioners and Auditors for the Excise.

Together with the severall Oaths to be taken by them.

As also directing the manner and time of the Entries to be made of all Goods bought or sold, chargeable with the Excise, since the 11. of *September*, 1643.

Die Lunæ 18. *Sept.* 1643.

WHereas an Ordinance was lately made by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for setting of a charge by way of Excise or New-Impost upon the severall Commodities in a Schedule thereunto annexed, contained, In which Ordinance no certaine Salary is expressed for the Commissioners thereby appointed to execute the same.

Be it now Declared and Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that the chiefe Commissioners appointed by the said Ordinance to put the same in execution, or as many of them as shall execute the same, shall have for their paines and service therein six pence in every twenty shillings that shall be raised and paid in to the Treasurer or Treasurers of Excise appointed by the said Ordinance, the same to be allowed them quarterly upon their accompts by the said Treasurer or Treasurers, without any further Warrant.

And be it further hereby Ordained, That *William Bond* of *London* Merchant, be appointed an Auditor for the ſaid ſervice over and beſides Maſter *Thomas Fawconbridge* who was appointed an Auditor by the ſaid former Ordinance, and to have the like power with him: And that every of the ſaid Auditors ſhall have for their ſeverall paines and ſervice in that behalfe the ſum of *per Annum*, to be allowed them quarterly by the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers out of their Receipts, without any further Warrant.

And it is hereby Ordained, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, upon paſſing of their accounts before the Auditor or Auditors for the time being, and allowance thereof by the ſaid Houſes, ſhall bee diſcharged of the ſaid accompts from time to time by both the ſaid Houſes.

And be it further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That the ſeverall Commiſſioners, and Auditors appointed and to be appointed for the ſaid ſervice, ſhall take the ſeverall Oaths herein preſcribed, in ſuch a manner as by the ſaid Ordinance is expreſt.

The form of the oath for the *Commiſſioners*.

YOu ſhall ſweare to be faithfull and true in your place of Commiſſioner for the Exciſe during the time you ſhall be a Commiſſioner, according to the Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament in that behalfe made. You ſhall according to your knowledge execute the ſame diligently and faithfully, having no private reſpect to your ſelfe in prejudice of the Common-wealth. You ſhall make and deliver a true account of all your Receipts and Diſburſments, to ſuch Auditor or Auditors as is, are, or ſhall be from time to time appointed by both Houſes of Parliament, according to the ſaid Ordinance. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

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The forme of the Oath for the *Auditors*.

You shall sweare to be faithfull & true in your Office of Auditor for the Excise, during your continuance in the said Office, according to the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament in that behalfe made. You shall take the accompts which shall be made unto you quarterly by the Commissioners for Excise, and make true Entries and duplicates or counterparts thereof, and shall truely present the same to both Houses of Parliament, as by the said Ordinance is appointed; And in all things diligently and truely execute your said Office to the best of your skill and knowledge. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

And be it Declared and Ordained, That all manner of persons who have bought or sold any Goods or Commodities chargeable with the Excise, since the eleventh of this instant *September*, 1643. or shall buy or sell any such Goods before the execution of this Ordinance, shall within ten dayes next after the twentyeth day of this moneth (if the said Goods were or shall be bought or sold within the Cities or Suburbs of *London* or *Westminster*, or ten miles compasse thereof) or if in any other place or places, then within ten dayes next after the erection of the said Office of Excise in or neare such place or places, cause entry thereof to be made in the severall and respective Offices, to which the same shall belong, that so the duty of Excise may be discovered and paid for the same, under paine of forfeiture of donble the value of the said Goods or Merchandizes, to be levyed in such manner and forme, and to such uses as by the said Ordinance is appointed for not entry of Goods liable to the Excise.

John Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

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ORDINANCE

OF THE

LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT,

Concerning all Brewers and Makers of Beer, Ale, Cider, or Perry, for payment of the Excise imposed by an Ordinance of Parliament before the delivering thereof, upon pain of forfeiture of double the value of the said Commodities.

Die Martis, 17. *Octob.* 1643.

FOr further Explanation of the late Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament touching the Excise or New-Impoit, upon the severall commodities therein mentioned.

Be it Declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the better enabling and encouraging of the Brewers,

and makers of Beere, Ale, Perry, and Cider (who are the Parties that are to pay the Exciſe, as by the ſaid Ordinance is appointed) to make due payment thereof accordingly, That no Beere, Ale, Perry, or Cider, ſhall be delivered out by the Brewer or maker thereof, or any for them, to any Retailer or other buyer thereof, till the rate and price, which is by them to be paid, for and in reſpect of the Exciſe, be paid by Victualer or Retailer thereof, to the Brewer or firſt ſeller thereof, on pain, that as well the Retailer or Buyer, as the Brewer, or the firſt ſeller thereof ſhall forfeit for the firſt offence, double the value of every quantity of Beere, Ale, Perry or Cider, ſo delivered out, or received by the party ſo offending; and for the ſecond offence treble the value thereof, and the party ſo offending to be diſabled from uſing their ſaid Trades or profeſſions, reſpectively for the ſpace of one whole yeer then next inſuing, the ſaid forfeitures to be levied and imployed in ſuch manner and to ſuch uſes as by the ſaid Ordinance is appointed for the penalties therein mentioned. And be it Declared and further Or-

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dained, that the rates ſet upon every Barrell of Beere and Ale by the ſaid Ordinance, ſhall be paid for every greater or leſſer quantity, proportionably after the ſame rate; And be it alſo further ordered and ordained, that for all Beere of foure ſhillings the barrell or under, the Exciſe ſhall bee paid after the rate of ſix pence for every barrel, and ſo after that rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, under the penalties and forfeitures in and by the ſaid Ordinance appointed: Provided alwayes and be it Ordained, That no Brewers or Retailers of any Beere, Ale, Perry or Cider, ſhall take any more in the price thereof upon the ſale of the ſame commodities, then according to the uſuall rates and prices appointed by Law for the ſame (excepting onely the rate of the Exciſe) as they will anſwer their contempts herein to both Houſes of Parliament.

And as touching old and new Draperies, it is declared and ordained that the Exciſe due and payable for the ſame, ſhall be paid by the Shopkeeper who buyes the ſame to ſell again.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE *LORDS* and *COMMONS* Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

Concerning the Exciſe and rate of Wine.

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1 *Octobris*, 1643.

WHeras by a late Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament, for a charge of *Exciſe* or *New-Impoſt*, to be ſet upon the Commodities in a Schedule thereunto annexed, contained, for the ſupply of the great affaires of this Kingdom, wherby it is amongſt other things provided, That the Sellers of Wine who are chargeable with the Exciſe, ſhall be allowed the ſame in the price thereof upon the ſale. But for that no certaine price is ſet downe in the ſaid Ordinance

Ordinance for Wines to bee ſold at: Bee it now Declared and Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament, that the Sellers of Wines who ſhall pay the Exciſe, ſhall, or may take for all *Spaniſh* Wines ſold, for every Quart 14 *d.* and for all *French* Wines ſold, 8 *d.* for every Quart, and ſo proportionably after that rate: which ſaid prices, ſhall, or may be taken, without incurring the Penalties of any Law or Statute, ſo as the due Meaſures and Aſſiſes bee otherwiſe kept and obſerved, as by the Law is provided; and the Wines to be good, wholeſome and Merchantable Wines.

And be it further Declared and Ordained, That Mr. Alderman *Langham* who was named a Commiſſioner in the ſaid former Ordinance, in reſpect of his other great and neceſſarie occaſions, ſhall be wholly diſcharged of the ſaid ſervice, and the other ſeven Commiſſioners ſhal have ful power to execute the ſaid Ordinance, as if the ſaid Alderman *Langham* had not been named therein. And further, that the reſpective Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or the major part of them ſhall have

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power to call before them any perſon or perſons whom they ſhall thinke fitting, being ſubject to the ſaid Ordinance, for any matter touching the ſame, or that can teſtifie or informe any thing materiall to the ſaid ſervices, and ſhall have power to grant their Warrants for the bringing in of ſuch perſons as ſhall wilfully refuſe or neglect to come before them upon warning, and to puniſh ſuch perſons for their contempt or diſobedience in that behalf, by Fine, or Amerciament, to be levied and imployed, in ſuch manner as is appointed for the other penalties, by the ſaid Ordinances, ſo as the ſame do not exceed 5 l. for any one offence.

Joh. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE *LORDS* and *COMMONS* Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

Whereby all Vintners are required to bring in the Money due for the half Excise of all Wines remaining in their hands at or before the eleventh of *September* last.

According to two former Ordinances of Parliament of the eleventh of *September*, and first of *October*.

Die Martis, 7 *Novemb.* 1643.

THe Lords and Commons having beene informed, That the Vintners of the City of *London*, and ten miles compasse, as also thorowout the Countrey, have, notwithstanding the favourable provision made for them, by the severall Ordinances of Excise of the eleventh of September, and first of *Octo-*

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ber, delayed to pay the halfe Exciſe thereby limited and appointed to be paid by the ſaid Vintners, for ſuch Wines as were upon their hands, at, or before the eleventh of *September* laſt.

It is hereby Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, That if any Vintner ſhall delay or neglect, without further warning, to bring in all ſuch ſummes of Money as ſhall be due for *Exciſe* of Wine upon their hands, at, or before the eleventh of *September* laſt, into ſuch Office of *Exciſe* under which their habitation is comprehended, within ten daies after publication hereof, within the reſpective Places; That then every ſuch Vintner ſhall, after expiration of the ſaid ten daies, be liable to pay the whole *Exciſe* for all ſuch Wines as the Merchant and Cooper by the ſaid Ordinance is enjoined. And in default thereof by delay, or not paiment of the ſaid whole *Exciſe*, every ſuch Vintner ſhall bee proceeded againſt without delay, by diſtreſſe or otherwiſe, according to the Ordinance of *Exciſe*.

FINIS.

Additionall Articles of the Lords and Commons in Parliament to the Ordinance of Excise.

Die Martis, 28. *Novemb.* 1643.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, finding it necessary to advance the Duty of Excise, and to remove such obstructions as may hinder the same; do Ordain and declare, And be it Ordained and Declared by the said Lords and Commons in Parliament, That no Cocket, Bill of Entry Ballast-Bill, Bill of Store, Transire, Port-Cocket, Certificate, Bill of Sufferance or other Entry or Warrant whatsoever, for any ship or Vessel, Victuall or Provision, Goods or Merchandizes, going out or coming in, exported or imported, into any the Ports, Havens or Creeks of this Realm and Dominion of *Wales*, be suffered to passe by the Commissioners of the Customes, or their Deputies, or any other his Majesties or their

under-Officers, before ſuch Cocket Bill of *En-*try, Ballaſt-Bill, Bill of Store, Tranſire, Port-Cocket, Certificate, Bill of ſufferance, or other Entry or Warrant whatſoever, be ſigned or ſubſcribed by ſuch Deputy or other Officer as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or their Sub-Commiſſioners, within their reſpective Bounds and Circuits, upon pain of being proceeded againſt as contemners and eluders of an Ordinance of Parliament. And all ſuch Commiſſioners of the Cuſtomes, and Duties of Tunnage and Poundage, their Deputies, and all other his Majeſties and their Officers, in all Ports, Havens, and Creeks of this Kingdom and Dominion of *VVales*, are for the future required from time to time to concur with the ſaid Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and their ſaid Sub-Commiſſioners, in all things which they ſhall reaſonably propound and deſire of them, for the advance of this ſervice.

And the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Cuſtoms and Duties of Tunnage and Poundage for the Ports of *London* are more particularly required to provide and ſet out a convenient and capable Seat, for the Surveyour appointed by the Com-

Commiſſioners of *Exciſe*, in the Cuſtome houſe of the Port of *London*.

That no unknown perſon, or others living beyond the Seas, Planters in the *VVeſt-India's* and *Virginia*, or others who have no certaine habitation in the Town or Port where any Entry of Goods inward ſhall be made, be permitted to take up their Goods, or to receive any Warrant from the Commiſſioners of Tunnage and Poundage or their Deputy Officers, till the duty of *Exciſe* be firſt paid, or ſufficient ſecurity given by Bond to the Commiſſioners of *Exciſe*, for the payment thereof, at the time when ſuch Goods or Merchandizes ſhall be firſt ſold.

That the ſaid Commiſſioners for Cuſtomes, Tunnage and Poundage, ſhall make no ſuch Warrants, till the Exciſe be paid or ſecured.

And that no Shopkeepers, or Retailers of Goods whatſoever, entring their Goods as Merchants or in the names of other Merchants, be permitted to take up his or their Goods, before the Duty of Exciſe be firſt paid. And that all Goods entred by Retailers or Shopkeepers ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, ſhall pay the Exciſe due for the ſame, within ten dayes

after the Publication of this Ordinance, upon paine of forfeiture of double the value of ſuch Goods, to be levied in ſuch manner as by the Ordinance of Exciſe is appointed for other penalties.

That no Merchant or Importer of any forreign Goods whatſoever, making firſt entry thereof in any Port-Town, and afterwards bringing the ſame by Land Carriage to the City of *London*, be permitted to diſpoſe of ſuch Goods from the Wagons, till firſt a copie of the firſt Entry at ſuch Port-Town, be delivered to the Officer or Officers of Exciſe, to the end the Duty of Exciſe may be paid or ſecured, upon the like penalty as aforeſaid, and to be levied in ſuch manner as aforeſaid.

Provided, and be it further Ordained, That no Fees or Rewards ſhall be taken or demanded by any Perſon, for any Entries to be made by force or vertue of this Ordinance, on pain of ſuch puniſhment as ſhall bee inflicted upon the Offenders, by both Houſes of Parliament, and forfeiture of treble the value of all ſuch Fees or Rewards by them ſo taken or demanded, to be levied as aforeſaid.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

AN

ORDINANCE

OF THE

LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT,

Concerning the Excise of Tobacco.

Die Sabbathi, Decemb. 23. 1643.

FOrasmuch as the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament have taken notice of, That the rate of four pence lately imposed, by Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* last, upon every pound of Tobacco of the *English* plantations by way of Excise, hath something intermitted Trade in that Commoditie.

Be it therefore Ordained by the said Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, for the encouragement

ment and eaſe, as well of the Importer, as Ingroſſer and Seller of ſuch Tobaccoes; That all Tobaccoes of the Engliſh plantations imported, and remaining on the hands of the Merchant or Importer, or the Ingroſſer or Seller thereof, before the eleventh of *September* laſt paſt, ſhall pay onely one penny upon every pound: And all ſuch Tobaccoes imported ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, and remaining on the hands, either of the Merchant, Importer, Ingroſſer, or Seller thereof, at the day of the date of this Ordinance, ſhall be liable to, and pay twopence upon every pound; and for all ſuch Tobacco of the Engliſh plantations, as ſhall hereafter from the day of the date hereof, be imported into the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Berwick*, ſhall pay after the rate of foure pence upon every pound, according to the former Ordinance dated the 11 of *September* laſt, the reſpective ſummes of one penny, two pence and foure pence upon every pound, to be paid by the Ingroſſer, or Seller, upon ſale thereof, as is therein preſcribed; Provided alwayes, that

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no perſon ſhall have any benefit of the aforeſaid Moderation to one penny and two pence upon every pound of Tobacco reſpectively before mentioned, but ſuch onely as ſhall within fourteen dayes after the publication of this Ordinance, make his perſonall appearance at ſuch Office of Exciſe under which his dwelling place ſhall be, and there deliver in upon oath, a true and juſt particular of all Tobacco by him ſold, ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, unto the time he ſhall make his appearance; As alſo at the ſame time declare upon Oath, and deliver in a like true particular of all Tobacco's either remaining upon his hands at that time, of ſuch Tobacco's as were upon his hands before the eleventh of *September*, as of ſuch Tobacco's as have been by him imported or brought, and are remaining upon his hands at the time of his appearance; and ſhall preſently, according to the reſpective Rates of one penny and two pence, pay and clear the Duty of Exciſe as well for all Tobacco by him ſold ſince the eleventh of *September* laſt, as for all Tobacco by him imported, and remaining at that time upon his

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hands as aforesaid, but be proceeded against without favour or pardon, according to the former Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* last. Provided also that no abatement or Allowance shall be made, under pretence of this Ordinance for any Tobacco's which have already paid Excise, according to the said Ordinance of eleventh of *September* last, before the date hereof.

H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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AN

ORDINANCE
OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,

Touching the Excise of flesh Victuals, & salt.

Die Martis, 9. Januarii, 1643.

THe *Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament having, by an Ordinance dated the eleventh of* September *last, set a Rate of Excise and new-Impost, upon severall Commodities, as well native as Forraign, for the maintenance of the Armies, raised in defence of King and Parliament, and other great affaires of the Commonwealth, amongst which they had speciall regard to the Navy for guard of the Seas: And*

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now finding, that through the losse of severall Ports of the Kingdom, and daily decay of Trade, the Navy cannot be sufficiently maintained out of the Revenue of the Customes, as these times of imminent danger do require; nor such a convenient Fleet set forth this next Summer, for the guard of the Seas, defence of the Kingdome and preservation of Trade, without further supply of Monies, to be raised by some equall and indifferent way, as may be most easie to the well affected Subjects of this Kingdom : Be it therefore Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that from and after the tenth of Ianuary, *all the severall sorts and kinds of flesh-Meats, as also all salt imported, or made within this* Kingdom, *shall pay the severall Rates of Excise or New-Impost hereafter appointed and specified, according as the said Excise is hereby directed to be leavied and paid.* viz.

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THat all Forraign Salt imported or to be imported into the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, ſhall pay one penny upon every Gallon to be paid by the firſt Buyer of ſuch Salt.

That all Salt made within the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*, and Dominion of *Wales* ſhall pay one half-penny upon every Gallon: And that all Salt upon Salt, that is made of Salt within the ſaid Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *VVales*, which hath once paid the Exciſe, ſhall pay one farthing upon every Gallon, to be paid by the Maker of all ſuch Salt, before ſuch time as the ſaid Salt ſhall be put to ſale. And that all Salt upon Salt, that is made of Salt in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, which hath once paid the Exciſe ſhall pay one farthing upon every Gallon, to be paid by the firſt Buyer of ſuch Salt. And that all other Salt upon Salt, imported or to be imported, in the ſaid Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, ſhall pay

one penny half penny upon every Gallon to be paid by the first Buyer of such Salt; Provided alwayes, That no Salt expended upon Fishing shall be lyable to this Excise.

That all Beefs, Muttons, Veals, Porks, Lambs, and other Butchers Meats, to be killed for provision of Victuals, shall pay one shilling in every twenty shillings value of the Beast, when he is living.

That all Conies or Rabbets shall pay one half penny a piece.

That all Pigeons shall pay after the rate of one penny for every dozen.

That all Butchers, or others, who do kil and sell any Beef, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Pork, or any other swines-Flesh whatsoever, for the Market or Sale, do weekly give an account to such Office of Excise under which their dwelling or other place of residence is; and at that same time, pay the Excise before mentioned upon forfeiture of double the value of all such Beasts, and other Cattle, as by two witnesses or other good proof shall be proved

ved to have beene killed at any time, after the tenth day of *Ianuary*, 1643. for which on Exciſe hath been paid; and further, To be reſtrained from the killing and ſelling of any fleſh-Meat, for one whole yeer, after ſuch as proof aforeſaid.

That all Poulterers and others, who make Sale of any Rabbets or Pigeons doe weekly make like account to the Office of Exciſe under which their Habitation and Trading is, of all Rabbets and Pigeons by them ſold from time, to time, and at the ſame time pay the duty of Exciſe before appointed in this particular, upon the like penalty reſpectively, and to be reſtrained from ſuch Trading and Dealing in any kinde whatſoever, for one whole yeere after.

That all Houſekeepers, who for their owne ſpending, ſhall at any time kill any Beefs, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Porkers, Rabbets or Pigeons, ſhall weekely pay Exciſe, after the rate aforeſaid, unto ſuch Collector, or Collectors, as ſhall be appointed to that purpoſe. And all perſons who ſhall

refuſe or neglect to give a true weekly account, either of their killing for ſale, or of their owne expence, as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable, upon proof of one or two witneſſes as before directed, to the fine of treble the value, *toties quoties*, to be levied by diſtreſſe; and in default thereof, unto impriſonment, until the Exciſe and penalty be both ſatisfied.

That all Sum and Sums of Money received by vertue of this Ordinance, upon any Butchers Meat, Rabbets and Pigeons, before mentioned; as alſo of all Salt imported or made in the Land, be appropriated to the maintenance of the Navy, and from time to time iſſued and payed out, according to the Orders of the Committee of the Houſe of Commons for the Navy, which ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge to the Commiſſioners for Exciſe being ſigned by the hand of the Chair-man of that Committee for the time being.

That *John Towſe*, *Thomas Foot*, *John Kendrick*, and *Thomas Cullum*, Eſquires, Aldermen of the City of *London*, *Simon Edmonds*,

Edmonds, *John Lamot*, and *Edward Claxton* of *London*, Esquires, shall bee Commissioners for the receit of the before mentioned Excise, according as they are already appointed and authorized by Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* last, for the receit of the Excise and New-Impost therein rated and expressed, and receive the like allowance of six pence in every pound for the receit; And shall and may likewise execute all and every thing and things therein prescribed, for the better managing of this work, *mutatis mutandis*, as shall be requisite for the due performance of this Ordinance according to the true intent and meaning thereof: and that *Thomas Fawconbridge* and *William Bond*, Gentlemen, shall be Auditors to execute this Ordinance by the same Rules and Limitations as they are authorized by the former Ordinance of Excise.

And all persons who shall seek to elude this Ordinance, by concealment, or other fraudulent practice, or by non-payment of the Excise as aforesaid, shall be subject to

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all Fines, Forfeiture, Impriſonment; or other puniſhment whatſoever, as in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* laſt, is more at large Declared and Ordained.

Provided, That in caſe there ſhall happen to be an overplus of Money ariſing by vertue of this Ordinance, which ſhall not bee neceſſary for the ſupport of the Navy, That in ſuch caſes the overplus ſhall not be diſpoſed to any uſes but by Order of both Houſes of Parliament.

Provided, That this Ordinance ſhall continue in full force for one whole yeere after the date hereof.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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ORDINANCE
OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,

For the regulating of the Rates on the Customes and Excise of Tobacco.

Die Lunæ, 4. Martii. 1643.

FOrasmuch as the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, have taken notice of the Rates, Customes, and Excise, laid and imposed on Tobacco of all sorts, to bee greater and higher then it will now well beare, in regard of the disturbance of Trade in Forraign parts, and present distractions of this Kingdome: For the regulating whereof, and for the incouragement and ease as well of the Importer, as Ingrosser, & Seller of Tobacco;

It is Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that all Tobaccoes of the English Plantations imported or remaining in the

hands of the Merchant or Importer, or the ingroſſer or buyer thereof, ſhall be liable to ſuch Rates for the Exciſe, and ſuch rules obſerved for the ſame, as are ſet downe and preſcribed in a late Ordinance of the 23. *December*, 1643. And for all Spaniſh Tobacco not of the Engliſh plantation, imported and remaining in the hands of any Merchant or Importer, or the Ingroſſer or buyer thereof, at the day of the date of this Ordinance, there ſhall be paid onely ſix pence for every pound *Exciſe* for the ſame. Provided alwayes, that no perſon ſhall have any benefit of this moderation, but onely ſuch as ſhall within fourteen dayes after the publication of this Ordinance, make his perſonall appearance at ſuch Office of *Exciſe*, under which his dwelling place ſhall bee, and there deliver in a true particular account of all ſuch Spaniſh Tobaccoes not of the Engliſh Plantations, as were remaining in his hands at the date of which Ordinance, and for which the *Exciſe* hath not been paid as aforeſaid, and ſhall preſently, according to the reſpective rate of ſix pence upon a pound weight, pay

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and cleare the ſaid duty of Exciſe, for all ſuch Tobacco as hee had at or before the day of the date hereof remaining in his hands, but bee proceeded againſt without favour or pardon according to the ſaid former Ordinance of Exciſe of the eleventh *September* laſt.

And it is further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons that for all Tobaccoes which have not before this Ordinance paid the Cuſtome and Exciſe, or ſhall from the day of the date hereof bee imported by any Merchant or others into the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Towne of *Berwick*, the Importer or Ingroſſer thereof ſhall pay Cuſtome and Exciſe for the ſame, as followeth, *viz.* For all Spaniſh and other Tobacco, not of the Engliſh plantation, the Importer ſhall pay ſix pence for every pound weight for Cuſtome, and the Ingroſſer or firſt Buyer one ſhilling Exciſe for the ſame. And for all Tobaccoes of the Engliſh plantations, which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, the Importer ſhall pay one Penny *per* pound Cuſtome, and the Ingroſſer or firſt

buyer two pence *per* pound for Exciſe of the ſame, which reſpective ſums of one ſhilling and two pence, are to bee paid by the Ingroſſer or Buyer, upon ſale thereof, as is preſcribed in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh *September* laſt.

And laſtly, it is Ordered and Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that no part of the Cuſtomes or Subſidie paid by the Merchant or other, at the time of the importation of his Tobacco, as is expreſſed in the ſecond Article in the Booke of Rates, ſhall be allowed by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtomes, or other Officer or Officers of the ſeverall Cuſtome-houſes to any Merchant or others upon the exportation of any Tobaccoes; Any Order or Ordinance heretofore made to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding; Provided that this Ordinance ſhall continue in force for the ſpace of one whole yeare from the day of the date of this Ordinance, and no longer.

Joh. Brown Cleric. Parliamentorum.

FINIS.

An Additionall Ordinance for the Excise or New-Impost.

Die Lunæ, 8. *Julii*, 1644.

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament, being desirous by all good meanes to provide for the payment and satisfaction of the publike Debts of the Kingdom, which they hope by Gods blessing in convenient time to bring to passe, and earnestly labouring the present satisfaction and Payment of such pressing Debts as are due unto severall Handycrafts-men, Strangers, and other persons, for Armes and Ammunition, bought and taken up of them for the service of the State; and to severall poore persons, for carriages by Cart and waggon, for the same use; and for the relief of wounded and maimed Souldiers that have received their wounds in the service of the Commonwealth; and for the widows and children

of ſuch as have loſt their lives in the ſaid Service; and for other neceſſary occaſions for the defence of the King, Parliament and Kingdom: Do hereby Declare, Order and Ordain, That the ſeverall Rates and Charges hereunder mentioned ſhalll be ſet and laid, and are hereby ſet, laid and impoſed upon the ſeverall Commodities hereafter expreſſed, within this Realm, the Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, by way of Exciſe and New-Impoſt, over and above all Cuſtomes and other Duties due and payable for the ſame: *Viz.* Upon all Goods and Merchandizes whatſoever imported (except Bullion, Corn, Victuall, Armes and Ammunition) which have not been hitherto charged with the Duty of Exciſe and New Impoſt, Twelve pence upon every Twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for every greater or leſſer value, to be paid by the firſt buyer thereof from the Merchant, Importer, or Ingroſſer Provided, that for all Commodities here rated, which are firſt imported, and after exported beyond the Sea, the Exciſe thereof being paid, and due proof thereof made

made by Oath of the party or witneſſes, which Oath the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major part of them, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint under their hands and ſeales, ſhall have power to adminiſter, ſhall be repaid, and the ſaid Commiſſioners and their Deputies ſhall have power to repay the ſame accordingly; Provided alſo, that *Hemp*, *Flax*, *Towe*, *Pitch*, *Wax*, *Rozen* & *Tallow* imported, bee accounted under Saltery-wares; and that all *Cotton-wools* imported ſhall pay onely Six pence upon every Pound value, and ſo after that rate for a greater or leſſer value, to be paid by the firſt buyer as aforeſaid.

And be it further Ordained, that the Goods and Commodities hereafter mentioned, made or growing within this Kingdom, ſhall pay by way of *Exciſe*, upon the firſt ſale, and by the firſt Grower and Maker thereof reſpectively, for every value of twenty ſhillings, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer value, in ſuch manner as is hereafter limited and appointed. *viz.*

Allum

Allum *English*, *to be paid by the first Buyer six pence.*

Copperas *English*, *to be paid by the Maker, Twelve pence.*

Monmouth-Caps *of all sorts, to be paid by the first retailing-Buyer, Twelve pence.*

Hats *of all sorts, to be paid by the first Maker, Twelve pence.*

Hops *English*, *to be paid by the planters, Six pence.*

Saffron, *to be paid by the Planter, Twelve pence.*

Starch, *to be paid by the first Maker, Twelve pence.*

All manner of Silkes or Stuffes *made in the Kingdom, made of, or mixt with Silk, Hair, Wool, or Thread, not formerly paying Excise, as also all* Upholstry ware *made in this Kingdom, not formerly paying Excise; to be paid by the first Buyer, Six pence.*

Tyn, *to be paid by the first Buyer, Twelve pence.*

Woad *English*, *to be paid by the first Buyer Six pence.*

Iron *made in* England, *to be paid by the first Buyer, Six pence.*

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Tobacco-pipes *of all ſorts to be paid by the firſt Buyer, for every Groſſe Foure pence.*

And the Commiſſioners and Officers for the Exciſe appointed by former Ordinances of Parliament, are hereby authoriſed, enabled and required to uſe all ſuch good wayes aud meanes for the Diſcovering, Rating, Collecting and ſecuring of the ſeverall Sums of Money herein impoſed upon the ſeverall Commodities above mentioned, as they are authorized and enabled to do in the caſe of the Exciſe ſet upon other Commodities by former Ordinances of both Houſes of Parliament.

And bee it further Ordered and Ordained that of the Moneys ſo to bee raiſed by this Addition of Exciſe or New-Impoſt as aforeſaid, one third part ſhall be employed toward the ſatisfaction of the preſſing Debts due to the ſaid ſeverall Tradeſmen, Strangers and other perſons, and to ſeverall poore perſons for carriages by Cart and Wagon, as aforeſaid; and alſo for the relief of wounded and mained Souldiers, and for ſatisfaction of ſuch ſums of Money, as

are due unto, or have been disburſed by Phyſitians, Apothecaries, and Chirurgions, for the cure of them; and for the relief of ſuch widows and children as have loſt their husbands and fathers in the ſervice of the Common-wealth as aforeſaid. For the ſecond third part, one Moity thereof ſhall be employed towards the maintenance of the Land-Forces in the ſervice of the Parliament, and the other Moity for proviſion of Armes and Ammunition for the ſame. And for the other third part, one Moity thereof ſhall be employed for the maintenance of the Navie at Sea, under the command of the Earl of *VVarwick* Lord High-Admirall of *England*, and the other Moity for proviſion of Arms, Store and Ammunition for the ſame.

And be it alſo Ordered and Ordained, that this Ordinance ſhall begin and take effect from the four and twentyeth day of *June* 1644. and from thence to continue for one yeer then next following.

Joh. Brown Cleric. Parliamentorum.

FINIS.

An Ordinance Declaratory of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament for the regulating of the Excise upon Flesh, Viz. *Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Porks, Lambs,* and other Butchers Meat killed for provision of Victuals within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, Suburbs, and Lines of Communication.

Die Sabbathi, 3 Augusti. 1644.

WHereas by a late Ordinance of Parliament, bearing date the ninth of *Ianuary*, 1643. there is a Rate of Excise set upon all Beeves, Veals, Muttons, Porks, Lambs, and other Butchers meat to be killed for provision of Victuals, and the same to be levied according to the value of the Beast when he is living; and all Butchers and others from whom any such Excise should at any time become due, to pay and be accountable for the same weekly.

Now the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament finding the many inconveniences that do and will of necessity arise in levying the same within the Cities of *Lon-*

London and *Weſtminſter*, Suburbs of both, and Lines of Communication, by the Rule preſcribed by the aforeſaid Ordinance, if the collecting the ſaid Exciſe ſhould be continued for the future in that way: For prevention whereof, and for the more regular and facile levying the ſame for the future within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs and Lines of Communication aforeſaid; Bee it Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, That all Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, and other Butchers meat (in the aforeſaid Ordinance mentioned to be exciſeable, from and after the twentyeth day of this preſent *Iuly*) which ſhall bee bought to be killed for ſlaughter, and proviſion of Victual, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, ſhall be liable to pay, while all ſuch cattel are yet alive, the ſaid duty of Exciſe, being one ſhilling in every twenty ſhillings value of the Beaſt living.

And be it further Ordained, That all Graſiers

Graſiers, Butchers, and others who from and after the day and yeare aforeſaid ſhall bring any live Beefs, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, or other ſort of Butchers Ware before ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of Communication, to be killed for ſale or private ſpending, do and ſhall, at the Ports, and firſt entrance within the Lines of Communication, make known unto ſuch Officer or Officers as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to attend ſuch Port or place, the number and nature of the ſaid cattle, and the names of the right owners of them, which the ſaid Officer ſhall regiſter in a Book, and deliver unto the perſon who hath the charge of the ſaid cattle a Certificate or Ticket of the ſame.

And bee it further Ordained, That no Graſier, Butcher or other perſon whatſoever, who, from and after the day and yeere aforeſaid, ſhall bring any live Beeves, Muttons, Veales, Lambs, Porks, or other Butchers Ware before ſpecified, either by

Land or Water into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, do or ſhall preſume to put any ſuch Beaſt to ſale in any place within the Line of Communication, but in the open and uſuall place and Market in *Smithfield*, upon pain of forfeiture of ſuch Beaſt, or the value thereof.

And that every ſuch Graſier or other who ſhall put to ſale any kinde of cattle exciſeable by this Ordinance, within the ſaid Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or Line of communication, and within the time aforeſaid, do and ſhall give notice thereof, together with the true price of ſuch cattle, unto the Officer or Deputy appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to attend at ſome known place in *Smithfield*, to regiſter all ſuch cattle, and to receive the Exciſe due for them, and ſhall not make delivery of any cattle ſo ſold, untill the Exciſe be duely paid, and a Ticket obtained to teſtifie the ſame, upon forfeiture of treble the value of the Exciſe of ſuch cattle; and that every Butcher who ſhall buy ſuch cattle,

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ſhall duely pay the Exciſe as aforeſaid, before he kill the ſame, upon pain of forfeiture of the ſaid cattle, or the value of it.

And be it further ordained, That if any Butcher or other, who, from and after the day and yeer above written, ſhall bring any live cattle above ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of Communication, to kill for ſale, or his own private ſpending, which he or they bought without the Line of communication, that every ſuch Butcher or other ſhall at the entrance of ſuch Port, pay the ſaid Duty of *Exciſe* for all ſuch cattle, according to the intent of this Ordinance, unto the Officers for that purpoſe there deputed to receive the ſame.

And that all Butchers and others, who, for the uſes aforeſaid, ſhall from henceforth buy, feed, or otherwiſe have in readineſſe to kill for proviſion of Victuall the ſorts and kindes of cattle before mentioned, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or Line of Communication, which came not

immediately from without the Line, ſhall, before any ſuch cattle bee by them put to ſale or killed, pay the ſaid Duty of Exciſe into the Office of Exciſe; or elſe there give ſufficient teſtimony that it was paid before.

And be it likewiſe ordained, That all and every ſuch Graſier, Butcher, or other perſon or perſons whatſoever, as ſhall ſeeke to evade this Ordinance, by refuſing to pay the aforeſaid Duty of Exciſe according to the tenour hereof, or practiſe any other fraudulent meanes or waies to elude the ſame in any particular; that every ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, beſides the ſeverall penalties before mentioned, ſhal be eſteemed a perſon ill-affected to the State, and ſuffer ſuch further puniſhment as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall adjudge.

And laſtly, the ſaid Lords and Commons do further Ordain and declare, That every other matter and thing contained in the former Ordinance of Exciſe on fleſh, of the ninth of *Ianuary* laſt, and thereby enjoyned to be executed and done, ſave in the matter of regulating and levying of the

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ſame as by this Ordinance, ſhall to all intents and purpoſes remain, and be in full force and vertue.

Joh. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

Die Sabbathi, 3 Auguſt. 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, whereby the Commiſſioners of Exciſe are directed unto whom they are to pay the Receipts of the Exciſe upon the Additional-Ordinance of Parliament 8 Junii, 1644.

BE it Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, That the Moneys raiſed upon the additionall Exciſe by an Ordinance of the eight of *July*, 1644. and by that Ordinance divided into three parts, and apportioned to ſeverall uſes ſhall be paid by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe unto the perſons hereafter mentioned: that is to ſay, The moytie of one third part, appointed by the ſaid Ordinance for the ſatisfaction of the preſſing Debts due to the ſeverall Handycraftsmen, ſtrangers and other perſons, for Arms and Ammunition heretofore bought for the uſe of the State, and to ſeverall poor perſons, for carriage by Carts and Waggons for the ſame uſe, ſhall be paid to Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight, Treaſurer at Wars, for thoſe uſes: The other moytie

of that third part, appointed for the relief of wounded and maimed Souldiers, and for satisfaction of Physitians, Apothecaries, Chirurgions, for the care of such Souldiers, and for the relief of such widows and children as have lost their husbands and fathers in the Service of the Common-wealth, shall be paid unto *William Greenhill*, *John Pocock*, *John Randall*, and *Richard Hutchinson*, Treasurers appointed for the maimed Souldiers, or unto any two of them, for those uses. The second third part, whereof the one Moytie is by that Ordinance appointed to be employed towards the Land-Forces in the Service of the Parliament, shall be paid to the said Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight; and the other moytie, appointed for the provision of Arms and Ammunition for the said Land-Forces, shall be paid to Sir *Walter Earl* Knight, Lieuetenant of the Ordinance: The last third part, the one moytie whereof is appointed by that Ordinance for the maintenance of the Navie by Sea, shall be paid to Sir *Henry Vane* junior Knight, Treasurer of the Navie, by Order of the Committee of the Navie; The other moytie of the said third part, appointed for Arms, Stores, and Ammunition for the Navie, shall be paid to the said Sir *Walter Earl* Knight, for the use of the Navie, by order of the said Committee of the Navie. And the receipt of the severall persons appointed by this Ordinance for the respective Sums by them to be received according to the intent of this Ordinance, shall be a Warrant and discharge unto the Commissioners of Excise.

Jo. Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

FINIS.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, eſtabliſhing certain Rules and Inſtructions to be obſerved by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, the Auditors in taking their Accounts, and others employed about the Collection of the Exciſe.

FIrſt, That the Liſt of the Names, and the ſeveral Salaries of the Officers employed in the Receipts of the Exciſe, or otherwiſe, ſigned by the Committee for the Exciſe, or any five of them for the time paſt, ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant unto the Auditors, having compared the ſame with the Receipt of the ſaid Officer and Officers, to paſſe and allow thereof, and accordingly to diſcharge the Commiſſioners of Exciſe for the time paſt.

Secondly, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall Quarterly deliver the Auditors in writing a true copie of all perfect En-

tries, Receipts and Payments within their ſeveral Offices under the cognizance and limits of the Office of the City of *London*: The which copie the ſaid Auditors ſhall, according as they ſhall finde needfull, compare, prick over, and examine, with the Vouchers perfect Entries, or any other Book of Accounts within the ſaid ſeveral Offices: And having found the ſame to agree, ſhall ingroſſe the ſame in their Office, and forthwith diſcharge the Commiſſioners of *Exciſe*, and every of them, of and from the ſame, according to the form of Diſcharge hereunto annexed.

Thirdly, That the Commiſſioners of *Exciſe* ſhall likewiſe Quarterly deliver the Auditors in writing a true copie of all imperfect Entries within their ſeverall Offices under the cognizance and limits of the Office of the City of *London*, which copie the ſaid Auditors ſhall, according as they ſhall finde needful, compare and examine with their Books. And the ſaid Commiſſioners of *Exciſe* ſhall alſo Quarterly deliver unto the ſaid Auditors in writing a true

true copie of all imperfect Entries, and of all perfect Entries, Receipts, and payments of all and every the other Offices thorowout the Kingdom, to the end the State may have an account both of Debts which are owing, and the perſon by whom they are due.

Fourthly, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall not ſtand chargeable for any Debts which have or ſhall ariſe upon any Tickets of Sufferance, which, in caſe of neceſſity, and for accommodation of Trade, they ſhall finde needfull to grant out until the weight or meaſure of any exciſeable commodity may be perfected; but in ſuch caſe the ſame Debt ſhall be onely charged by the Auditors upon the head and account of the Debtor: Provided that no Ticket of Sufferance ſhall be granted to any perſon for above twenty eight days: That the Auditors in the courſe of their Audit, do, together with every Entry or Parcels, examine and allow all Tares, Trets, and other abatements and allowances which the Commiſſioners have or ſhall

make upon any exciſeable Commodities, without charging the Account with any more then the ſum received upon every Entry or Parcel.

Fifthly, That ſuch Debts as have ariſen and ſtand in arrere upon the Accounts of Exciſe, either for halt Exciſe of Beer, Ale, or Wine, for the whole Exciſe of theſe, or any other Commodities which are drawn out of the Returns made upon the ſearch at the firſt ſettlement of the Office, and were not made by any default of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, be not charged by the Auditors upon the ſaid Commiſſioners, but ſet upon the accounts of the Debtors.

Sixthly, That the Commiſſioners and the ſaid Auditors may be the better enabled to go forward in their ſeveral Places and Truſts according to the direction herein preſcribed, the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall balance and make up their Books on the eleventh of *September* next for the yeer paſt, and deliver the Auditors a copie of the Receipts, Diſburſements, Debts, or Arreres made and paſſed during the ſame time,

time, which the Auditors ſhall with all expedition examine, compare and prick over, with the Vouchers Entries and Books of Accounts in the ſeverall Offices; and having found and made the ſame to agree, ſhall diſcharge the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and every of them, for one yeer together.

Seventhly, That although the Income of ſome Counties in the Principality of *Wales*, and in other places and parts of the Kingdom, be aſſigned by Ordinance of Parliament for maintenance of the Forces, in thoſe parts; it ſhall not be underſtood as if the Commiſſioners, Deputies, or any other Receivers of the ſaid Exciſe in thoſe places, ſhould not ſtill account with the Office in *London*, unto which they ſhall be Quarterly enjoyned, as other Sub-Commiſſioners. And the Lords and Commons do further ordain and declare, That from henceforth no Receipts ſhall be delivered, or any collection of Exciſe be made within any the parts of the Kingdom, but by Commiſſion onely from the chief Office in *London*.

Eightly,

Eightly, That no Governours or Commanders of any Towns, Caſtles, Forts or Armies under Service of the Parliament, ſhall ſeize upon any the Receipts of the *Exciſe*, or protect any perſon or perſons from payment of the *Exciſe*, upon any occaſion or pretence whatſoever.

Ninthly, That no Wharfinger, or keeper of any Wharf, Crane, or any Porter or other Officer at the Cuſtom-Houſe, do take up or let down, or otherwiſe permit to be brought on, or ſhipped off his Wharf, any Goods or Merchandizes whatſoever, but in the preſence of an Officer of *Exciſe*, who to that purpoſe ſhall be appointed to attend at the Cuſtom-Houſe at all uſuall hours and time accuſtomed, and lately ſetled by Ordinance of Parliament concerning Cuſtoms.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

FINIS.

An

ORDINANCE

Of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for Mitigation of the *Exciſe* upon *Strong Waters.*

WHereas by Ordinance of Parliament, dated the eleventh of *September*, *Anno* 1643, there is eight pence upon every Gallon laid by way of Exciſe upon all Strong Waters and *Aquæ vitæ* imported, or to be imported, or made or diſtilled within the Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Barwick*, to be paid by the firſt Buyer, or Maker, or Diſtiller re-

ſpectively; which ſum of eight pence upon the Gallon, being raiſed upon the Strong Waters, and *Aqua vitæ* made within the Kingdom, is found to have ſomething intermitted Trade in that Commodity within the Kingdom. And foraſmuch as by the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* 1643, there was no proviſion made for the levying of Exciſe upon all Spirits imported, whereby the true intent of the ſaid Ordinance might be avoided: Be it ordained by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, and by Authority of the ſame, for the encouragement of the Maker and Diſtiller of Strong Waters, and for the better receipt of the Exciſe upon this Commodity, That all *Aqua vitæ* or Strong Waters made in the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town or Port of *Barwick*, do pay two pence upon every Gallon by way of Exciſe, and ſo after that rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, to be payd by the firſt maker thereof.

That all Spirits made of French or Spaniſh Wines, commonly called *Brand-wine*, im-

imported, do pay two pence upon every Gallion Exciſe, and ſo after that rate for a greater or leſſer quantity, to be paid by the firſt Buyer from the ſaid Importer: That all Strong Waters perfectly made, whatſoever, imported from beyond the Seas, ſhall pay eight pence upon every Gallon Exciſe, to be paid by the firſt Buyer from the ſaid Importer.

That for ſuch forrain Spirits as aforeſaid, as any Diſtiller ſhall uſe and make into perfect Strong Waters, that ſuch Maker or Diſtiller ſhall pay onely one peny upon every Gallon more, it firſt appearing unto the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or their Deputies, in the ſeverall Offices reſpectively, by ſufficient teſtimony, that the two pence aforeſaid was duely paid at the firſt ſale therefore as Spirits.

That for all *Aqua vitæ*, or Strong Waters, made in the Kingdom, which ſhall be again exported for any parts beyond the Seas, or out of the Realm of *England*, &c. whether into Plantations, or other whatſoever, having firſt paid the ſeverall Exciſes

before mentioned; The Commiſſioners of Exciſe for the time being, or their Deputies, unto whom the ſeverall Exciſes have been paid as aforeſaid, being ſufficiently ſatisfied therein as aforeſaid, ſhall and may allow and repay the ſeverall *Exciſes* aforeſaid, except onely the one penny laid upon forraign Spirits made here into perfect Strong Waters.

Provided alwayes, that all Spirits, both forraign and domeſtick, that ſhall fraudulently be ſold by any perſon or perſons, to Chapmen or others, to retail in kinde, in ſtead of *Aqua vitæ* or Strong Waters, before the ſame be re-diſtilled, and made into perfect *Aqua vitæ* or Strong Waters, ſhall pay for every Gallon ſo ſold, after the rate of eight pence *per* Gallon Exciſe.

And provided alwayes, That no Diſtillers, or other Dealers in Spirits, *Aqua vitæ*, or Strong Waters as aforeſaid, ſhall have any benefit of the Rates or Abatements aforeſaid, but onely ſuch as ſhall clear the Exciſe according to the ſaid ſeverall Rates, for all Spirits, *Aqua vitæ*, or Strong Waters made,

made, bought, or ſold reſpectively, ſince the eleventh of *September* 1643, by ſuch teſtimony as ſhall ſatisfie the Commiſſioners or their Deputies by an Account under their hands, to be brought in within one month after the date hereof: But to pay Exciſe, and to be proceeded againſt without favour, according as is expreſſed in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, in this behalf.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D.Com.

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Die Veneris, 6 Decemb. 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for continuance of the Excise and New Impost upon Flesh-Victuals and Salt, for one whole yeer longer; To commence the ninth of *January*.

BE it *ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That* John Towse, Thomas Foot, John Kendrick, Thomas Cullum, *and* Simon Edmonds, *Esquires, and Aldermen of the Citie of* London; John Lamot *and* Edward Claxton, *of the Citie of* London, *Esquires, the present Commissioners of the Excise and New-Impost, in and thorow the whole Kingdom of* England, *Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Barwick, *shall and may do and execute all and every the Clauses, Articles, and other thing or things ordained, mentioned and contained in the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, bearing*

bearing date the ninth of January 1643, *touching the Exciſe of Fleſh-Victuals and Salt* : *As alſo the Ordinance dated the third of* Auguſt 1644, *entituled*, An Ordinance Declaratory, for the better Regulating and Levying of the Exciſe of Fleſh, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Suburbs and Lines of Communication. *Which ſaid two Ordinances are hereby ordained to ſtand in force, and be managed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, for one yeer next enſuing the ninth of* January 1644, *to all intents and purpoſes whatſoever; who ſhall receeive the like allowance of ſix pence in every pound, for the Receipt. And be it further Ordained, That as well all and every the ſaid Commiſſioners, Deputies and other their Officers, as all and every other perſon and perſons which ſhall do any thing in execution or performance of this preſent Ordinance, ſhall be therein from time to time protected and ſaved harmleſſe, by the power and Authority of both Houſes of Parliament.*

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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Die Mercurii, 29 Januarii, 1644.

Two Ordinances of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, for Continuation of the severall Ordinances of Excise or New Impost untill the 11 *of* Septemb. 1646.

WHereas the Lords and Commons in *Parliament* assembled have thought fit to continue the severall Rates and Charges of Excise or New Impost already setled and estabIished by Authority of both Houses: Be it hereby ordained by the said Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That all and every the Ordinances touching the Excise or New Impost, and every Clause, Sentence, Article, and other thing and things in them and every of them contained and expressed, and now in force, as well for the governing and ordering of the Excise, as for the setling, laying, and imposing severall Rates and charges upon sundry and divers Commodities, shall, next after their and every of their particular and respective Expirations, be, and hereby are continued

continued, prolonged, and to be received in and thorowout the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Barwick*, untill the first day of *Aprill*, One thousand six hundred fourty six. And it is further ordained and declared by Authority aforesaid, That *John Towse*, *Thomas Foot*, *John Kendrick*, *Thomas Cullum*, and *Simon Edmonds*, Esquires, and Aldermen of the Citie of *London*; *John Lamott* and *Edward Claxton* of the same, Esquires, the present Commissioners of Excise or New Impost, shall remain and be the chief Commissioners and Governours of the whole Office and Receipts of the Excise and New Impost in and thorow the whole Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, Town of *Barwick*, and shall and may do and execute all and every the said Ordinances, Clauses, Articles, and other thing and things in all and every the said Ordinances contained, mentioned and expressed, in the same Manner and Form, and to the same Intents and Purposes, for, during, and untill the said first day of *April*, one thousand six hundred

fourty ſix, with the like Allowance of Six pence upon every Twenty ſhillings that ſhal come in upon the Receipts of the Exciſe or New Impoſt. And it is further ordained, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, and their Sub-Commiſſioners, ſhall make and deliver up their reſpective Accounts in ſuch manner as is directed and preſcribed by the Ordinance of the one and thirtieth of *Auguſt* laſt paſt. And it is likewiſe ordained, That as well all and every the ſaid Commiſſioners, their ſub-Commiſſioners and officers, as all and every other perſon and perſons whatſoever, who ſhall do, or cauſe any thing to be done in purſuance of this Ordinance, ſhall be protected, ſaved harmleſſe, and indempnified by Authority of both Houſes of Parliament.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parl.

Die Lunæ, 3 Feb. 1644.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, That the Ordinance concerning the Receipts and Commiſſioners of Exciſe, paſſed both Houſes on *Wedneſday* laſt, the 29 of *January*, 1644, ſhall be enlarged, and continue in force in the ſame manner it now is, until the 11 of *September* which ſhall be in the yeer of our Lord 1646.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parl.

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Die Lunæ, 8 *April.* 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, for continuance of the Exciſe or New-Impoſt for one whole yeer longer, to commence the eleventh of *September* next, 1644.

WHereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled have found it neceſſary to continue the ſeverall Rates and charges of Exciſe and New-Impoſt, mentioned and expreſſed in an Ordinance of both Houſes, dated the eleventh of *September* laſt: Be it hereby ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, That the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* laſt, and every clauſe, ſentence and article therein contained, and now in force, and the ſeverall Rates of Exciſe and New-Impoſt impoſed and directed by the ſaid Ordinance, or any other Ordinance or Ordinances concerning the government and ordering of the Exciſe ſince

made, which at preſent are in force, ſhall continue, and be received upon all and every the commodities therein mentioned and charged, thorowout the Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, for one whole yeer longer, to commence the eleventh of *September* next enſuing the date hereof,

And it is further hereby ordained and declared, That *John Towſe* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *Thomas Foot* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *John Kendrick* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *Thomas Cullum* Eſquire, Alderman of the City of *London*; *Simon Edmonds*, *John Lamott*, and *Edward Claxton* of the ſaid Citie of *London* Eſquires, the preſent Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, ſhall remain and continue chief Commiſſioners and Goververnours of the whole Office and Receipts of the Exciſe and New-Impoſt, in and thorow the whole Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*; and ſhall and may doe and execute, and cauſe to be done and executed, all and eve-

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ry the clauſes, articles, and other thing or things whatſoever, ordained, mentioned and contained in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* laſt, or in any other Ordinance or Ordinances concerning the *Exciſe*, which at preſent are in force, in the ſame manner and form as they are directed and authorized thereby to do and execute, for and during the ſaid term of one yeer longer, to commence from the eleventh of *September* next following, as aforeſaid, with the like allowances as at preſent, of ſix pence upon every twenty ſhillings raiſed and levied out of the Receipts of the *Exciſe* and New-Impoſt.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

Hen. Elſing Cler. Parl. D. Com.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS & COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

Die Sabbat. 8 *Octob.* 1645.

WHereas it is thought moſt convenient, and very neceſſary for the ſervice of the Common-wealth, That the Accounts of Exciſe be reduced to one and the ſame determination: Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, That all and every the Accounts of the ſaid *Exciſe* or *New Impoſt* within this Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Berwick*, ſhall now all determine upon

upon the nine and twentieth day of *September*, 1645, and afterward Quarterly, upon the four uſuall Feaſts or Terms of the year; *viz*, the five and twentieth of *December*, the five and twentieth of *March*, the four and twentieth of *June*, and nine and twentieth of *September*. And the Comptrol upon the Accounts of Exciſe, in the Office of Exciſe *London*, with the limits and extents thereof, ſhall begin from the ſaid nine and twentieth day of *September*, 1645. And the Wages and Allowances of the ſeverall Officers and Miniſters imployed in the ſaid Exciſe, ſhall be apportioned according to the ſeverall and reſpective times, for and untill the ſaid nine and twentieth day of *September* 1645: and afterwards ſhall be paid quarterly upon the ſaid ſeverall dayes by equall portions.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D.Com.

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An ORDINANCE Of the LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

Die Martis, 16 *Septemb.* 1645.

WHereas divers the Buyers of Excise-able commodities conceiving themselves not liable to any Penaltie, Fine, or Forfeiture for any offence whatsoever committed against any the Ordinances of Excise, because in no Article of any the said Ordinances they are particularly and expresly named so to be; have thereby been emboldened to use all manner of indirect practices

practices whereby to deceive the State of the duty of Exciſe. And whereas by pretence of roomaging and removing of Goods unſold, and yet in the firſt hand, from one place to another, much fraud and deceit hath been uſed to the evill intent aforeſaid: Now the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, taking the premiſes into conſideration, for prevention of all ſuch and other fraudulent and indirect practices hereafter, do hereby declare and ordain, That no perſon or perſons whatſoever, ſhall remove, roomage, or carry from one houſe to another, any Goods or Commodities whatſoever, chargeable with this Dutie, though unſold, or that the Dutie of Exciſe be already paid, without a Ticket, or an Officer appointed to that purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, under the Penalties in the thirteenth Article of the Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* 1643, mentioned: Provided, that no Officer ſo appointed, ſhall take or demand any Fee or Reward of any Merchant or other for that ſervice.

And be it further declared and ordained, That a barter or exchange of one ſort of Goods for another, was and ſhall be accounted ſale.

And it is further ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons aforeſaid, That for all Goods, Merchandizes and Commodities whatſoever, made exciſeable by any the Ordinances of Parliament, which ſhall be bought, ſold, bartered or delivered contrary to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid thirteenth Article, or any other Article in any the ſaid Ordinances, or whereof a true and perfect Entrie ſhall not have been made, of weight, number, price, and value; as well the Buyer as the Seller ſhall be liable to ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines; and ſo to be levied and employed as in the ſaid Article and Articles was provided and ordained for the Seller, Maker, Merchant, or Importer onely. Provided, and it is hereby intended, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall not be hereby debarred, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, to grant any Bill of Sufferance, according to the Ordinance of the

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one and thirtieth of *August* last past. And it is further ordained and declared by Authoritie aforesaid, by way of explanation of the Schedule in the Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, One thousand six hundred fourtie three, and to take away all dispute and cavill concerning the content of a Tun of Wine, That two Butts, two Pipes, four Hogsheads (of what sort soever) six Teircies, three Punchions or Tertians, and eight Quarter Casks of Wine respectively, shall be accounted for one Tun. And all Merchants, Importers, Makers, Buyers, Retailers, and other Traders and Dealers in any exciseable Commodities, shall, according to the true intent and meaning of the said recited Ordinance, upon due notice by Ticket or Officer, make and deliver under their severall and respective hands in writing to the said Commissioners of Excise, as oft as they shall see cause, to require the same true and just Accounts of what Goods they have respectively imported, made, bought, sold, bartered, spent, or have then upon their hands, upon penaltie of five

Pounds to be forfeited *toties quoties* for every refuſal; to be ſo levied, and for ſuch uſes, as in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* is preſcribed. And it is hereby further ordained, That as well the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, their Deputies and Officers, as all and every other perſon and perſons which ſhall do any thing in execution of this preſent Ordinance, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, ſhall be therein from time to time protected and ſaved harmleſſe, as well for what is paſt, as for what is to come, by the Power and Authority of both Houſes of Parliament. And that the Ordinance of the nineteenth of *February* laſt paſt concerning the Exciſe, ſhall be nulled and made void.

John Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.
Hen. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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An ORDINANCE

of the LORDS *and* COMMONS *aſſembled in* PARLIAMENT, *for an Additional Exciſe or New Impoſt upon Lead : Gold, Silver and Copper Thread : Gold, Silver and Copper Wyer : Glaſſe, Glaſſes made in the Kingdom . Lynſeed-Oil, Whale-Oil, Pilchard, and all other Oils made and ſpent in the Kingdom: Silks: Sope : Woollen Cloth imported; and Lampers. For Payment of Artificers,* &c.

Die Lunæ, 24 Novemb. 1645.

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, taking into their ſerious conſideration the great and preſſing Debts

Debts of the Kingdom; amongſt other, ſuch as are due to ſeveral Artificers, and other Handicrafts men, for Arms and Ammunition bought and taken up of them for the ſervice of the Parliament, and defence and preſervation of the Kingdom; and alſo to *John Wright* Printer to the Houſe of Peers, and to the Printer of the Houſe of Commons; for which no ſatisfaction hath hitherto been made; Do hereby declare, order and ordain, And be it by Authority of Parliament declared, ordained and ordered, That the ſeveral Rates and Charges hereafter mentioned, ſhall be ſet, laid, and impoſed, And are hereby ſet, laid, and impoſed upon the ſeveral Goods and Commodities within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Barwick*, hereafter mentioned, by way of Exciſe and New Impoſt, over and above all other Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Impoſt, and other Duties due and payable for the ſame: *Viz.*

That an Exciſe of five ſhillings be paid by

by the first Buyer, for every Tother of Lead, either to be exported, or ſpent in the Kingdom.

That twelve pence be levied and paid by way of Exciſe upon every Twenty ſhillings value of Gold, Silver, and Copper Thread, and Gold, Silver and Copper Wyer made in the Kingdom, to be paid by the firſt Buyer. Provided always, That if the Maker of the Gold, Silver, and Copper Thread or Wyer, ſhall before ſale thereof, by himſelf, or by any other perſon, put the ſame into Lace, or any other ſuch Manufacture; that the ſaid Maker ſhall be liable to, and ſhall pay the ſaid Twelve pence Exciſe reſpectively, as if he were the firſt Buyer thereof.

That an Exciſe of Twelve pence ſhall be laid upon every Twenty ſhillings value of Glaſſe and Glaſſes of all ſorts made within the Kingdom, to be paid by the Maker.

That an Exciſe of Twelve pence ſhall be laid upon every Twenty ſhillings value of Lynſeed-Oil, Whale-Oil, Pilchard, and all other

other Oils made and ſpent in the Kingdom, to be paid by the Maker.

That an Exciſe of Three pence ſhall be laid upon every Twenty ſhillings value of Silk in the gum ready thrown, beſides the Nine pence already impoſed.

That an Exciſe of Six pence ſhall be laid upon every Twentie ſhillings value of all other Silks died, either imported, or to be exported, beſides the Twelve pence already impoſed.

That an Exciſe ſhall be laid upon Three ſeverall ſorts of Sope made in this Kingdom; *Viz.* Upon the firſt ſort, which already payeth Ten pence the Firkin, an addition of Six pence, to make it Sixteen pence. Upon the ſecond ſort, which payeth Nine pence the Firkin, an addition of Five pence, to make it Fourteen pence. Upon the third ſort, which payeth Eight pence the Firkin, an addition of Four pence, to make it Twelve pence; to be all reſpectively paid by the firſt Buyer. And likewiſe an addition of Eighteen pence upon the Firkin to be made to the Eighteen pence

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which is already impoſed upon Sope imported, to be alſo paid by the firſt Buyer.

That an Exciſe of Twelve pence ſhall be laid upon every Twenty ſhillings value of Woollen Cloth to be imported, and to be paid by the Importer.

That an Exciſe of Ten ſhillings in the Thouſand ſhall be laid upon all Lamperns bought by ſtrangers for bait of Cod-fiſh, to be paid by the firſt Buyer.

And it is further ordered and declared by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe now appointed, or hereafter to be appointed by Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament, or their Deputies, are hereby authorized, enabled, and required to put this Ordinance in due execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof: And to uſe all ſuch good wayes and means for the diſcovering, rating, collecting, and ſecuring of the ſeverall ſums of money impoſed and declared by vertue of this preſent Ordinance, upon the ſeverall Commodities and Goods above ſpecified, as they are authorized and enabled to do

in the case of any Excise or New Impost set upon any other Commodities by any former Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament: And to impose such necessary Fines and Penalties upon offenders, and to execute all such power and authoritie; And to allow therein for themselves, and unto their Deputies and Officers, such Fees and Allowances for the raising of the same, and no other, as to them is given for the raising any other Excise imposed by authority of both Houses of Parliament, by any other Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament.

And be it further ordered, declared and ordained by Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies to be raised by vertue of this addition of Excise or New Impost as aforesaid, or by vertue of this present Ordinance, shall be wholly imployed and disposed for the payment of all sum and sums of mony as are justly due to Artificers and Handicrafts men, for Arms and Ammunition bought and delivered for the service of the Parliament, and defence and preservation of the Kingdom; and also to *John Wright*

Wright Printer to the Houſe of Peers, and to the Printer of the Houſe of Commons. And it is further ordered and declared by Authority aforeſaid, That for the better diſcovery of what ſums of money are due to any Artificers or Handicrafts men for Arms and Ammunition ſold and delivered for the ſervice of the Parliament and defence of the Kingdom as aforeſaid, That the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Exciſe, ſhall and may, and are hereby authorized to call all ſuch Artificers and Handicrafts-men before them, and to examine the juſtneſſe of the ſaid Debts, as well by Oath, as by all other good ways and means; power being hereby given to the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, to miniſter an oath to ſuch perſons as they ſhall hold fitting.

And it is hereby Declared, That all ſuch Debts as are juſtly due to ſuch Artificers and Handicrafts-men for all ſuch Arms and Ammunition as aforeſaid, and ſhall be ſo adjudged and declared by the ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them: The

ſaid Committee, or any five or more of them, ſhall or may make a Warrant or Warrants under their hands in writing to Lieutenant-Colonel *Bromfield*, *John Gayes*, *Daniel Haldenby*, and *William Watſon*, Citizens of *London*, who are hereby appointed Treaſurers for this ſervice, and are weekly to receive from the hands of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall come in upon the Receipt of this preſent Ordinance, for due payment of the ſaid Sums of Money ſo due, to the perſons to whom ſuch Sums of Money ſhall be adjudged to be due reſpectively; or to ſuch other perſons mentioned in the ſaid Warrants for their uſes, by ſuch proportions and equal payments, as is hereafter provided. And the ſaid Treaſurers ſhall and may upon ſuch Warrants as aforeſaid, out of the Profits of Exciſe to be raiſed by vertue of this Ordinance, pay and ſatisfie all ſuch Sums of Money ſo due as aboveſaid, to ſuch perſon and perſons mentioned in the ſaid Warrants: which Warrant, and the Receipts of the parties mentioned therein, ſhall be a ſuf-

ſufficient Diſcharge unto the ſaid Treaſurers for the payment of ſuch Moneys as are and ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Orders and Warrants. Provided that every ſuch Order and Warrant ſo aſſigned by five or more of the ſaid Committee of Lords and Commons. And the Receipt or Receipts of any two of the Treaſurers as aforeſaid, ſhall from time to time be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and every of them, for all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money which they ſhall pay unto them the ſaid Treaſurers, accruing out of the Receipts in purſuance of this Ordinance. And to the intent that all Artificers whoſe Warrants ſhall be allowed and ſigned by the Committee of Lords and Commons as aforeſaid, at or before the Five and twentieth day of *March* next enſuing the date hereof, may be proportionable, and ſhare and ſhare alike, according to every mans Debt, duely paid from time to time: Be it ordained by Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Treaſurers at the end of every moneth ſhall ſo equally proportion out all Moneys which

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in the ſaid time they ſhall receive of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe by vertue of this Ordinance, unto every perſon whoſe Debt ſhall be adjudged and ſigned as aforeſaid; that every perſon may from time to time receive his due ſhare, according to his principal Debt, until the whole Debts be fully diſcharged.

And it is further ordered and declared, That the firſt Moneys to be raiſed by vertue of this Ordinance, ſhall be employed to the uſes aforeſaid, and to no other intent or uſe. And after the ſaid Debts paid to the ſaid Artificers, then the profits and ſums of money gathered by vertue of the ſaid New Impoſt, ſhall be diſpoſed of as the reſt of the Exciſe is or ſhall be diſpoſed of, or both Houſes of Parliament ſhall hereafter declare and appoint. Provided nevertheleſſe, And be it ordered and declared, That when the ſaid Artificers, Printer to the Houſe of Peers, and Printer to the Houſe of Commons, ſhall be ſatisfied their juſt Debts, ſo made to appear as aforeſaid, that then *Jo. Muller* a Merchant ſtranger of *Hamborough*, ſhall

ſhall be firſt ſatisfied the remainder of his Debt for Arms: And that next after him, the Inholders and Victuallers within the City of *London* and *Wiſtminſter*, and parts adjacent, within the lines of Communication, ſhall in the next place be ſatisfied and paid ſuch ſum and ſums of money as they ſhall make appear in manner aforeſaid, to be juſtly due unto them for Horſe meat and Mans meat, from any Souldiers, or any of their Officers that ſerved under the Command of the Parliament, and were lodged or dieted in their houſes. Provided nevertheleſſe, And it is further ordered and declared, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and the Officers and others by them imploied in the Aſſeſſing, Raiſing, Collecting, and Securing the ſaid Sums of money to be raiſed by this Ordinance, and in the due execution of this Ordinance, ſhall be ſaved harmleſſe and kept indempnified and protected by power of Parliament, for any thing they or any of them ſhall do or cauſe to be done in the excution and purſuance of this preſent Ordinance.

And

And lastly, the said Lords and Commons do order and declare, That this Ordinance shall begin to take effect from the day of the publishing of this Ordinance; and from thenceforth be continued one whole yeer next after the date of this present Ordinance, and no longer.

Joh. Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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An ORDINANCE

Of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, Appointing a Comptrol on the Office of Exciſe *London*, and the extents thereof.

Die Sabbathi, 6 Septemb. 1645.

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled taking notice of the integrity, pains and care of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in execution of that Truſt committed unto them ; Yet finding it juſt and requiſite that a Comptrol ſhould be placed upon the Accompts of Exciſe, to give ſatisfaction to themſelves, and this Kingdom ; Do ordain *Thomas Fauconberge* Eſquire to be Comptroller of the Office of

Exciſe, of the Exciſe of the City of *London*, with the Limits and Extents thereof; And do give him full power and authority by himſelf or his ſufficient Deputies, to keep account of all Entries, Receipts, Payments, Rebates, Tares, Trets, Diſcompts, Forfeitures, or any Bills of Sufferance whatſoever, within the Office and Limits aforeſaid: And that no perſon or perſons ſhall be diſcharged of any duty belonging to the Office of Exciſe before the ſame be ſigned by the ſaid *Thomas Fauconberge*, or his Deputies; who are hereby enjoyned to enter the ſame from time to time in a Book to be kept for that purpoſe; and to ſigne according to the Inſtructions hereafter mentioned, and ſuch other Inſtructions as the ſaid Comptroller ſhall from time to time receive from both Houſes of Parliament, or the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Exciſe. And it is further ordained, that the ſaid *Thomas Fauconberge* ſhall have for his Salary the yeerly Sum of Five hundred pounds, to be paid him Quarterly by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, who are hereby autho-

authorized and appointed to pay the ſame: For which this preſent Ordinance, with his Receipt, ſhall be their ſufficient diſcharge. And the ſaid *Thomas Fauconberge* ſhall have ſuch further Allowances for his Deputies and Clerks as ſhall be thought convenient by the ſaid Committee of Exciſe; who are hereby authorized to proportion their number and reſpective Salaries, and to give warrant to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Exciſe to pay the ſame accordingly; which Warrant ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge to the ſaid Commiſſioners for ſuch payments. And the ſaid *Thomas Fauconberge* ſhall Quarterly deliver a perfect Account of all Entries, Payments, Receipts, and Debts, unto *William Bond*, who is hereby ordained ſole Auditor of all Exciſe and New Impoſt within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*, and is to have and execute the ſame power and authority granted to the Auditors in any former Ordinances of *Exciſe* whatſoever; excepting the making and keeping a Duplicate, or counterpart of all Accompts and

Entries in the ſaid Office. And it is likewiſe ordained, That the ſaid *William Bond* ſhall have for his Salary, the yeerly ſum of five hundred pounds to be paid him quarterly by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, who are hereby authorized and appointed to pay the ſame, for which this preſent Ordinance, with his Receipt, ſhall be their ſufficient diſcharge. And the ſaid *William Bond* ſhall have ſuch further allowances for his Clerks, as ſhall be thought convenient by the ſaid Committee of Exciſe, who are hereby authorized to proportion their number, and reſpective Salaries, and to give warrant to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to pay the ſame accordingly, which warrant ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge to the ſaid Commiſſioners for ſuch Payment. And it is further ordained, That the ſaid Comptroller, and his reſpective Deputies, ſhall take an Oath in theſe words:

YOu ſhall ſwear to be faithful and true in the Office of Comptrol of Exciſe

Exciſe or New Impoſt, and to your beſt skill and knowledge ſhall execute the ſame diligently and faithfully according to the direction of the Ordinance of Parliament, and ſuch Inſtructions as are, or ſhall be given you by both Houſes of Parliament, or the Committee of Lords and Commons for Exciſe in that behalf: And ſhall do all things belonging to your Place, according to your ability, without any private Reward, or private end to your ſelf, directly or indirectly. And you will not diſcover the courſe of any Perſons Trade unto any other Perſon whatſoever, and in all things you ſhall well and truely behave your ſelf.

So help you God, and the Contents of this Book.

And

And that any Five of the Committee for *Exciſe* ſhall have power to adminiſter this Oath to the Comptroller or his Deputies. And it is further ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that the ſaid *Thomas Fauconberge*, and his Deputies, ſhall execute the ſaid Place and Office of Comptroller, according to this Ordinance, and the Inſtructions hereafter mentioned, and ſuch other Inſtructions as the ſaid Comptroller ſhall from time to time receive from both Houſes of Parliament, or the ſaid Committee of Lords and Commons for the Exciſe; who are hereby authorized to give further Inſtructions for that purpoſe, as they ſhall ſee cauſe. And it is laſtly ordained, That this Ordinance ſhall be of force, and put in execution immediately from and after the eleventh day of *September* next enſuing, and not before.

Jo. Browne Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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Die Sabbathi, 6 Die Septemb. 1645.

Inſtructions for a Comptrol upon the Accompts of Exciſe Office, *London*, within the Limits and Extents thereof.

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I. THat *the Comptroller, by himſelf or his ſufficient Deputy and Deputies, attend daily according to the uſual times, and be preſent at all Receipts and Entries within the ſeveral Offices of the Exciſe Office in Broadſtreet* LONDON, *and at the Cuſtome-Houſe, and make Duplicates or Entries of the ſame, in fitting Books to be provided for that purpoſe.*

II. *That no perſon be diſcharged of the Duty of Exciſe until a Ticket for the ſame be*

be ſigned by the Comptroller, or his Deputies.

III. *That no Bill of Sufferance be valid or effectual, until the ſame be ſigned by the ſaid Comptroller, or his Deputies.*

IV. *That no allowance for Rebates, Tare, Tret, and Diſcompts, or other Abatements which the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall make and allow to any perſon, be valid or effectual, until the ſaid Comptroller, by himſelf or his Deputies, ſhall ſigne the ſame.*

V. *That all allowances for Rebates, Tare, Tret, and Diſcompts; And likewiſe all Bills of Sufferance and Tickets which ſhall be paſſed and ſigned by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or their Deputies and Servants, and preſented to the Comptroller or Deputies, for his or their hand, ſhall be by him or them ſigned and entred in his Book accordingly.*

VI. *That if any difference ariſe between the Commiſſioners of Exciſe and the Comptroller, that upon notice thereof given by the Comptroller to the Committee of Lords and Commons for Exciſe; the ſaid Committe is hereby authorized to determine the ſame.*

VII.

VII. *That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or their Clerk to the Caſh, ſhall weekly, upon every Munday morning, deliver the Comptroller or his Deputy, a copie of all Payments and Diſburſements, and to whom, during the preceding week; which the Comptroller is to enter in a Book to be kept for that purpoſe. And that no payment made by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, ſhall be allowed or valid, unleſſe an Accompt thereof be weekly given as aforeſaid.*

VIII. *That the ſaid Comptroller ſhall quarterly deliver in unto the Auditor, a perfect Accompt, as well of all Entries, Receipts, and Debts, as of the payments aforeſaid.*

Jo. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS & COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

FOR

Explanation of a former Ordinance of Parliament of the 24th of *November* 1645. for an additionall Excise or New Impost for payment of ARTIFICERS.

Die Jovis, 6 Augusti, 1646.

FOr the better putting in execution and explanation of an Ordinance of Parliament dated the twenty fourth of *November*, in the yeer 1645, for an Additionall Excise or New Impost for payment of the Artificers,

cers, and others: Be it declared and ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That twenty hundred weight shall be accounted for one Fother of Lead, and that the Maker or Smelter thereof shall be liable to the payment of five shillings the Fother, as well as the first Buyer, if hee be exporter thereof. That four pence shall be paid by way of Excise for every ounce Troy, and so for a greater or lesser quantity proportionably, of Silver or Gold, that any Refiner, Gold-smith, Gold-drawer, or other shall prepare, melt down, or disgrosse, or cause to be prepared, melted down, or disgrossed for Wyer, the same to be paid by every such Refiner, Gold-smith, Gold-drawer, or other, at the Barr where the same shall be disgrossed.

That eight pence shall be paid upon every pound weight containing sixteen ounces *Averdupois*, so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity of all Copper, or other Metall that any Wyer-drawer, Gold-smith, or other shall prepare, make fit, or disgrosse, or cause to be prepared, fitted, or disgrossed

for Wyer, the ſame in like manner to be paid by every ſuch Wyer-drawer, Gold-ſmith, or other, at the Barre where the ſame ſhall be diſgroſſed.

And be it likewiſe declared and ordained by Authority aforeſaid, as well for the ſecuring, diſcovering, and collecting of the ſeverall ſums of mony impoſed and declared by this preſent Ordinance upon all Silver, Gold, Copper, and other metall diſgroſſed for Wyer, as to prevent the falſe making of theſe Commodities, and that the Exciſe may be levied equally upon all the makers thereof, That all Gold, Silver, Copper, and other metall to be diſgroſſed for Wyer as aforeſaid, be brought to one certain place or places, appointed or to be appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe within the City or County where ſuch metall is prepared or fitted, and there diſgroſſed, and not elſewhere; and that no Barrs, Benches, Screws, Engins, or other inſtruments for diſgroſſing, be uſed and allowed in any other place, upon forfeiture of all ſuch Silver, Gold, Copper, or other metall as ſhall be found to

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be diſgroſſed elſewhere, or double the value thereof, to be levied, raiſed, and diſpoſed of in ſuch manner and form as is directed by the thirteenth and fifteenth Articles of the Ordinance of Exciſe of the 11th of *Septemb.* 1643. And for the better encouragement of all Traders and Dealers in any of the ſaid Commodities, that for all waſte that ſhall ariſe and be made in the diſgroſſing or working of any the ſaid Gold, Silver, Copper, and other metal, the ſame being brought in like manner, and at the ſame place afterward melted downe, ſuch abatements and allowances ſhall be made and given as ſhall be thought fit by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint, under their hands and ſeals.

And for prevention of all fraud that may otherwiſe be practiſed to elude this Ordinance: Be it in like manner ordained, that all right Silver, and Silver and God Thred be made up into Skeans, and all Copper and Braſſe Thred into Skeans, or on Quils, and brought in like manner to a certain place or places appointed, or to be appointed by the

the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, there to be marked or ſealed with ſuch mark or ſeal as ſhal be made or appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, upon penaltie of the like Forfeiture before expreſſed. Provided, that no Officer or other ſhall take or demand any Fee or Reward whatſoever of any Trader or Dealer in any of the ſaid Commodities for that ſervice. And for the better encouragement and increaſe of the Manufacture in this Kingdome: Be it likewiſe ordained, That all Gold, Silver, and Copper Thred imported, or to be imported, ſhall pay by way of Exciſe and New Impoſt, in every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer quantity, (beſides the Rate already impoſed) twelve pence, the ſame to be paid by the firſt Buyer thereof from the Merchant, Importer, or Ingroſſer; and ſhall be received, collected, and iſſued forth, in ſuch manner, and to ſuch intents and purpoſes as are appointed and directed by the ſaid Ordinance of the 24th of *November* laſt, firſt above mentioned. And likewiſe that the ſame before ſale thereof,

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be ſealed and marked in like manner as the native *Silver*, and Silver and Gold Thred, upon penaltie of like Forfeiture as is before expreſſed, without any Fee or Reward alſo had or given to any Officer imployed for that ſervice. And it is further ordained and declared by Authority aforeſaid, That all Linſeed oyl, Whale oyl, Rape oyl, Pilchard, and all other Oyls made and ſpent in this Kingdom, formerly ſet at twelve pence, ſhal now pay only ſix pence upon every twenty ſhillings value, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer quantity, to be paid alſo by the firſt Buyer, and the Maker to accompt every month for all Oyls made and delivered, upon pain of five pounds to be forfeited and levied by Diſtreſſe for every default therein.

That the Exciſe of ſix pence charged upon every twenty ſhillings value of Silks Dyed, beſides the twelve pence at firſt impoſed, was and is intended, and hereby declared to be received and levied on Silk Dyed, and that the ſame, as alſo the Exciſe of three pence upon every twenty ſhillings value of Silk

Silk in the Gums already thrown, ſhall be paid by the reſpective firſt Buyer thereof.

That the ſeverall and reſpective Rates of Exciſe laid and impoſed on the ſeverall and reſpective ſorts of Sope made in this Kingdom, over and beſides what the ſame were at firſt charged with, and ordained to be paid by the firſt Buyer, ſhall be all reſpectively paid by the Maker therof; and likewiſe that the addition of eighteen pence the Firkin made to the eighteen pence before impoſed on Sope imported, be taken off the Firkin, and paid & levied on every twenty ſhillings value thereof, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer quantity, by the firſt Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer.

And laſtly, That all Lamperns for bait of Codfiſh, rated at ten ſhillings the thouſand, ſhall pay only twelve pence in the thouſand Exciſe.

John Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

Hen. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

An

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, for the continuation of Excise or New-Impost untill the 29 of *September*, 1648.

Die Sabbathi, 25 *April*. 1646.

BE it ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That from and after the expiration of the severall Ordinances of Excise and New Impost now in being, the Excise or New Impost shall be continued in all the parts of the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Barwick* upon *Twede*, until the nine and twentieth day of *September* 1648, to be managed by such persons, and in such manner as both Houses of Parliament shall think fit. And for the better advancing of the Credit of the Excise or New Impost, and for the encouragement of such persons as shall lend any Moneys upon the security of the

ſame: It is hereby further Ordained, That ſuch Perſons as have already, or at any time hereafter ſhall have any Grant or appointment unto them, of any ſum or ſums of Money to be received upon the Exciſe and New Impoſt, and likewiſe all ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as already have advanced and lent, or ſhall hereafter advance and lend any ſum or ſums of Money upon the Credit and Security of the ſaid Exciſe, and have had, or ſhall have an Ordinance paſſed both Houſes of Parliament for their payment or re-imburſement of the ſame, ſhall, and have hereby granted unto them power and authority, and are hereby accordingly authorized to aſſigne and transferre the ſaid Monies unto them granted or appointed, or by them lent, or any part thereof, with Intereſt, where Intereſt is or ſhall be granted by any Ordinance of Parliament, unto any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever: And the Commiſſioners of Exciſe or New Impoſt, for the time being, or ſuch other Perſons as ſhall be imployed by both Houſes of Parliament to mannage the Receipts of the

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ſaid Exciſe or New Impoſt, are hereby authorized to make payment of the ſame accordingly: And the Auditor is hereby required and authorized to allow the ſame upon Accompt; Provided, that ſuch Perſon or Perſons at the time of ſuch Aſſignment, or within Twenty dayes after, make Entry of the ſaid Aſſignment with the ſaid Commiſſioners, or other Perſons ſo to be imployed for the time being, and Comptroller of the ſaid Exciſe or New Impoſt, who are hereby required and authorized to take notice of the ſame accordingly. And be it Ordained by the authority aforeſaid, That the Committee of Lords and Commons eſtabliſhed by Ordinance bearing date the 31 of *May*, 1645. ſhall have all the Powers contained in the ſaid Ordinance, during the term of this preſent Ordinance: And that *Theophilus* Earle of *Lincolne*, and *James* Earle of *Middleſex*, be added to the ſaid Committee.

Joh. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

H. Elſynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Mercurii, 3 Junii, 1646.

ORdered by the Lords & Commons assembled in Parliament, That *Thomas Foot*, *John Kendrick*, *Thomas Cullum*, and *Simon Edmonds*, Esquires, Aldermen of the City of *London*, and *John Lamot* and *Edward Claxton* Esquires, shall mannage the Excise during the time that both Houses have passed the Ordinance for continuing the Excise, according to such Instructions as are or shall be given by both Houses of Parliament.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

Hen. Elsing Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for discharge of the Commissioners for one yeers Accompts, ending the 11 of *September* 1644.

Die Veneris, 30 *Juli*, 1646.

WHereas the Accompt of *John Towse*, *Thomas Foot*, *John Kendrick*, *Thomas Cullum*, *Simon Edmonds*, Esquires, and Aldermen of the Citie of *London*, *John Lamot* and *Edward Claxton*, of the same, Esquires, Chief Commissioners, and Governours for the whole Recepts of the Excise and New Impost established by Ordinance of Parliament, dated the eleventh of *Septemb.* 1643, beginning the said eleventh of *September* 1643, and ending the eleventh of *September* 1644, have been duly audited, examined, and pricked over, with the Vouchers Entries and Books of Accounts in the several Offices throughout

throughout the Kingdom, by *Thomas Fawconbridge*, and *William Bond*, Eſquires, Auditors, in that behalfe appointed according to the directions preſcribed in and by ſeverall Ordinances of Parliament: Which ſaid Accounts hath been likewiſe preſented by the ſaid Auditors unto the Committee of Lords and Commons for Regulating the Exciſe, and by them conſidered of, Examined and Allowed. Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, That the ſaid *Thomas Foot*, *John Kendrick*, *Thomas Cullum*, *Simon Edmonds*, *John Lamott*, and *Edward Claxton*, Surviving Commiſſioners of Exciſe, their Heires, Executors, and Adminiſtrators and every of them. And the Heires, Executors, amd Adminiſtrators of the ſaid *John Towſe* deceaſed, are and ſhall be ſaved harmleſſe and defended for any Act or Acts by them, or any of them or by their Sub-Commiſſioners, Deputies, or under Officers whatſoever, by their direction or any of them, done in the collecting of the Exciſe and New Impoſt, & the ordering & governing thereof.

And

And alſo that the ſaid cheife Commiſſioners and Governours of the Exciſe, their Executors, and Adminiſtrators, and every of them, are and ſhall be hereby for ever acquitted and diſcharged of all Receipts, Payments, Reconings, Queſtions, and demands whatſoever, for one whole yeare, begining the eleventh of *September*, one thouſand ſix hundred forty three, and ending the eleventh of *September*, one thouſand ſix hundred forty foure. Provided nevertheleſſe, that the ſaid chiefe Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall be liable for ſuch ſums of Monies of the Debts, and Sur-charges ſet over in *ſuper* upon the Sub-Commiſſioners and Debtors in the ſaid Account; or for any other Monies due for Exciſe for the ſaid yeare, as already have or hereafter ſhall come unto their hands, and no more.

John Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

Hen. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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